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Common Criteria Users' Forum

October 6-7, 2004

L'Enfant Plaza, Washington D.C.

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Governments from around the world have invested millions of dollars in the development of the Common Criteria. Common Criteria product certifications are recognized in 19 countries and required by the US Government. However, while some perceive the Common Criteria as inefficient and costly, others believe that Common Criteria is the best bet for helping the IT industry improve the security of products.

The NIAP Review and the National Cyber Security Partnership Technical Standards Task Force Report on Common Criteria are two specific efforts to address the issues raised by Common Criteria and the U.S. NIAP process that implements Common Criteria. One of the key recommendations from the Task Force report on Common Criteria is to assemble a forum to foster open discussion about the issues potential resolutions.

Without proactive action, the recommendations collected in the NIAP Review and the Task Force report will not be fulfilled. We are planning a Common Criteria Users' Forum composed of Common Criteria related stakeholders including customers, vendors, Common Criteria evaluators and NIAP (NSA and NIST). The users' forum will have the following goals:

1. Recommend practical means to improve the Common Criteria processes and standards to make them a truly viable mechanism toward improving COTS product security for not only the Government, but for all customers.
2. Present the opportunity for all parties to express their perspectives on the issues raised and to identify realistic means to resolve them.
3. Provide an open forum to discuss and resolve the apparent differences between the views of commercial entities and NIAP.
4. Develop a specific plan of action for the recommendations from the NIAP Review and the Task Force Report as well as any additional recommendations developed by the attendees.
5. Begin to share Common Criteria experiences as a means of educating all stakeholders.

FORUM AGENDA

Wednesday, October 6 – Background and Situation DHS, NCSP and NIST Sponsored -- Open Forum		
Time	Session Topic	Speaker
8:30am – 9:00am	Introductory Remarks	Amit Yoran, DHS
9:00am – 9:45am	NCSP Task Force Overview	TBD
9:45am – 10:30am	NSA Presentation	TBD
10:30am – 10:45am	BREAK	
10:45am – 12:00pm	NIST Presentation	Stu Katzke, NIST
12:00pm – 1:00pm	LUNCH	
1:00pm – 1:45pm	CCTL Presentation	Cynthia Reese, SAIC
1:45pm – 2:30pm	Commercial Customer Presentation	TBD
2:30pm – 2:45pm	BREAK	
2:45pm – 3:30pm	Vendor Presentation	Mary Ann Davidson, Oracle
3:30pm – 4:15pm	Security Vendor Presentation	Chris Rouland, ISS (invited)
4:15pm – 5:00pm	IDA Status Report on NIAP Review	TBD
6:00pm	Secrets of Successful Common Criteria Evaluations: Tips and Best Practices from Vendors and Labs. (Optional Session)	Panelists (TBD)
7:00pm	Cocktail Reception, Loews Hotel Details TBS	

Thursday, October 7 – Workshops and Discussion NCSP Sponsored -- Closed Forum		
Time	Session Topic	Speaker
8:00am – 9:30am	Panel: Broadening CC Application vs. Addressing CC Issues	Panelists (TBD)
9:30am – 9:45am	BREAK	
9:45am – 11:15am	Exchange of Views by all Participants	Roundtable Discussion
11:15am – 12:30pm	LUNCH	
12:30pm – 3:00pm	Workshops to Develop Solutions	Moderator: TBD
	(a) Incentives for Security and Common Criteria Evaluations	
	(b) Reducing the Time and Costs of Common Criteria Evaluations	
	(c) Security Metrics Relevant to the Common Criteria	
	(d) Setting Requirements for Commercial Users	
3:00pm – 3:15pm	BREAK	
3:15pm – 4:30pm	Session Reviews and Action Items	TBD

**No charge for Government Attendees
\$100.00 for all Non Government Attendees**

References

<http://www.cyberpartnership.org/init-tech.html>
http://www.csalliance.org/resources/pdfs/CSIA_NIAP_Recommendations.pdf

Further details on the forum will be sent out in early September.

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