

## Virtual Forge and ObjectSecurity announce global SOA security partnership

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(Heidelberg, Germany – 15 October 2007) – Virtual Forge, the Business Application Security Company with focus on SAP and ObjectSecurity, the leading solutions provider and expert for model-driven enterprise security management, SOA security management, secure middleware, and secure information sharing in mission-critical industries today announced a new partnership. Virtual Forge of Heidelberg, Germany, and Object Security of Cambridge, UK announced their partnership to provide seamless processes, services & products for future SOA environments. While Virtual Forge provides security & assurance by means of establishing a quality system for secure applications, Object Security provides trust & control by implementing security policy management and enforcement solutions.

Software is the critical infrastructure that empowers modern business processes, and security is a critical success factor. Object Security is the leading solutions provider and expert for model-driven enterprise security management (authorization management), SOA security management, secure middleware, and secure information sharing in mission-critical industries. ObjectSecurity's OpenPMF 2.0 is the first generic Model Driven Security (MDS) technology in the world, and includes an entitlement-centric authorization management system. Virtual Forge is expert in risk analysis and mitigation for business applications and over the years has provided market-leading security quality & compliance services to its customers. In particular, Virtual Forge works with SAP and SAP customers to improve the quality & security level of extensions that are based on recent SAP technologies and application frameworks (SAP NetWeaver, mySAP ERP, SAP Business ByDesign). Together Virtual Forge and Object Security will provide end to end application security solutions for their world wide customer.

“VirtualForge’s knowledgeable team is a good partner to provide pervasive security solutions for SAP systems and other complex IT landscapes.” said Ulrich Lang, CEO of Object Security, “We are looking forward to working together with Virtual Forge to solve the pressing security issues faced by most larger organizations today.”

“ObjectSecurity will be a reliable partner to enforce the management of application security risks on a level that is needed for evolving SOA solutions.” said Markus Schumacher, CEO of Virtual Forge, “We’re excited by our new relationship with ObjectSecurity and look forward to the improved support for our customers managing the risks of their business applications.”

Virtual Forge and Object Security start their collaboration immediately in both the United States and Europe. Enquiries to each should be directed to their corporate offices.

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ABOUT VIRTUAL FORGE – Virtual Forge is an internationally operating consultancy based with offices in Heidelberg and Walldorf, (Germany), Palo Alto (CA, USA) and (Australia), with a main focus on security for business applications. The company offers application security products, consulting services and training. In particular, Virtual Forge has worked with

SAP and companies using SAP solutions during the past 6 years.

For more information about Virtual Forge please visit [www.virtualforge.de](http://www.virtualforge.de) or call +49 (0)6221 – 86 89 00.

ABOUT OBJECTSECURITY – ObjectSecurity Ltd. is a Cambridge (United Kingdom) and San Jose (CA, USA) based world-leader in model driven security and authorization management. The company offers the ground-breaking model-driven OpenPMF enterprise security management ecosystem and various secure middleware platforms. ObjectSecurity provides services for model driven security, middleware security, SOA security, secure information sharing (e.g. CDM). Their customer base includes telecoms, air traffic management, airports, defense, e-commerce, banking, and transport systems. ObjectSecurity specializes on information security for complex IT environments in mission-critical markets.

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