



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the January 2008 Jericho Forum® Newsletter. As usual, feel free to share our news with your colleagues, and [email us](#) with your comments.

New Position Papers

As advised in our December 2007 Newsletter, we have now published our new Inherently Secure Communications position paper, which merges the previously published Inherently Secure Protocols paper and Encrypton & Encapsulation paper. This new merged ISC paper is available from our "publications" Web page at <http://www.opengroup.org/jericho/publications.htm>

Our Collaboration Oriented Architecture (COA) paper is now at draft v0.9, having been developed over several Members Meetings, and is now available on our members-only Web page at <http://www.opengroup.org/jericho/protected/>. Our formal Members-Review closes on Feb 17th.

Monthly NetWorkWorld column

Continuing our success with our US NetWorkWorld columns (NWW is one of the most well-read publications in the US IT marketplace), you will have seen our announcements about publication of the first 3 columns:

- On VoIP, Nov 2007, written by Paul Simmonds
- On Endpoint Security, in Dec 2007, again by Paul
- On Email, in Jan 2008, again by Paul

our next column – by David Lacey, on The Future of Network Security – is due to be published in the next few days.

We still need your suggestions for topics for our future columns, and we also need members to volunteer to write the articles. Please don't be slow to recommend your hot topic, and/or your offer to write a column.

Conferences and Meetings in 2008

- April 7-11: RSA in US
We are checking costs, and availability of presenters and a suitable meeting location, for a Jericho Forum conference co-located with RSA, on April 10th. If you plan to be there, please let us know and volunteer your support.
- April 22nd: Spring Conference 2008 - Infosec Europe
Registration details are on our Web site, and we are confirming our speakers and program.



Update to Jericho Forum Web site

Our US PR Agency – Trainer Communications – has recommended a number of revisions to our Web site, which we are about to pilot and seek Board approval for. Watch for an announcement shortly.

Jericho Forum Blueprint

In the ESAF conference at RSA Security, Feb 2007, Qualys CEO Philippe Courtot coined the term "Jericho Forum blueprint" to describe the design of IT systems which will perform secure transactions over open insecure networks - i.e. in de-perimeterized environments. The Jericho Forum adopted this term in the theme for its 2007 European Spring Conference, where the theme was "Delivering solutions to the Jericho Forum blueprint".

A natural progression of the idea of a Jericho Forum blueprint is to translate the concept into tangible form, building on:

- our description of de-perimeterization, on our Web site and in numerous presentations since formation of the Jericho Forum in 2004
- our vision white paper
- our Jericho Forum principles
- our other position papers, including our Collaboration Oriented Architecture (COA) which is nearing publication.

Other key components in our blueprint include:

- secure design (top-down approach to good design)
- secure coding (bottom-up approach to good design). We have held discussions with the SANS Institute which is very interested in promoting this skill.
- compliance & regulation
- risk analysis & risk management
- information quality management
- enterprise architecture - methodologies

The notion of a University computer science module on this Jericho Forum blueprint is an obvious way to impart to graduates entering the computer science industry the training and skills required for building secure IT systems which comply with the Jericho Forum's principles. Discussions with our academic members (see our members list) have resulted in understanding on how we might evolve this approach into an acceptable University computer science module, for integrating into a computer science undergraduate course.

We believe the components in our outline blueprint can be developed into a significant module - comprising say 8 lectures, 2 seminars, 3 coursework projects, and 1 examination. Our vision, and challenge, is to act upon the feedback from our academic members and work with them to get the Jericho Forum blueprint accepted as a university computer science module.