

Lisle Technology Partners introduces AthenaVerify for Managing Network Security Risk and Reducing Compliance Shortfalls

Proactive diagnostic software provides evidence to ensure that networks are securely architected and configured.

Lisle, Illinois – April 16, 2007 – Lisle Technology Partners, a developer of innovative enterprise software products, today unveiled AthenaVerify, which provides instantaneous visibility into network compliance with mandatory control requirements and the industry best practices for maintaining sound security. "This is a fundamental departure from the trial and error approach to testing for constantly changing vulnerabilities", said Adarsh Arora, CEO of Lisle Technology Partners. "What customers are looking for are solutions that objectively and verifiably audit the network's fundamental design."

AthenaVerify is a network risk management product that provides actionable intelligence on the state of security for an enterprises' network infrastructure. It performs sophisticated analytics that reduce the time and expense required for ongoing and required security assessments. This information is computed off-line without introducing any potentially malicious data into the network. All possible access paths are analyzed to calculate the security policies across all heterogeneous network security devices. These policies are then compared against the industry best practices included in AthenaVerify's library to derive a risk score that informs decision makers about their current state of network security. Control items of various compliances (e.g., PCI, SOX) are also analyzed to determine the degree to which these mandates are being met by the organization. AthenaVerify provides the capability to model changes that can reduce the risk score, and increase the confidence of meeting these compliance requirements.

AthenaVerify can be used as frequently as desired, perhaps on a daily basis, to make sure that no unknown changes to the security policies have occurred. Also, the effect of all known changes should be simulated first in AthenaVerify before final deployment to the network. This simulation provides decision makers intelligence about the real effect of the proposed changes to existing security policies. The net result is a network secured by appropriate policies and no surprises at the time when security assessments are performed.

"The key innovation embodied in the product allows a complete simulation of the connections and interdependencies across the entire network infrastructure," stated David Hurst, CTO of Lisle Technology Partners. "Armed with this information, IT managers can then focus on protecting those high value assets which might be more at risk for a compromise." AthenaVerify also forms the basis for a defensible demonstration of the precise controls that are satisfying specific compliance requirements, thereby assuring network resiliency against an increasingly threatening environment and demanding regulatory pressures.

Sold directly and through select partners, pricing starts at \$25,000 and is based on the size and complexity of the network. For more information see <http://www.athenasecurity.net>.