



DATAPOWER XS40 HARDWARE VALIDATED FOR FEDERATED IDENTITY AND XML WEB SERVICES SECURITY AT SAML INTEROPERABILITY LAB AT RSA 2005

Proven SAML 2.0 Interoperability with 12 Other Vendors Showcases DataPower's High-End Features, Deep Integration & Standards Commitment Required for Global 1000 Deployments

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--February 21st, 2005-- DataPower®, the leading provider of network hardware for securing XML Web services, announced today that its XS40 XML security gateway successfully demonstrated SAML 2.0 interoperability at last week's 14th annual RSA conference in San Francisco. As the only Web services security vendor [selected to participate for two years running](#), DataPower both contributed its experience with actual Web services deployments that have already processed billions of dollars in SAML-secured business transactions, and showed a high-performance hardware SAML implementation. With its XS40 XML security gateway, DataPower is the leading provider of high-security federated identity policy enforcement points. The XS40, the most widely deployed solution of its kind, enables enterprises to securely federate access control across domains, be they internal departments or external customers and partners.

The DataPower XS40 XML Security Gateway™ was the first Web services security solution or XML firewall to fully support SAML and federated identity (See: [DataPower First to Demonstrate Real-World Deployments of Hardware-Based Federated Identity Management Enforcement Point Using WS-Security and SAML](#)), along with other key security standards including WS-Security, SSL, XML-Encryption, XML-DSIG, RADIUS, LDAP, and XKMS. OASIS member DataPower, along with associate members Computer Associates, Entrust, Hewlett-Packard, Oracle, RSA Security, Sun Microsystems and others teamed with the U.S. General Service Administration E-Gov E-Authentication Initiative to demonstrate interoperability of the Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) 2.0 specification, an OASIS standard for the exchange of authentication, attribute and authorization information.

"Interoperability is a key issue for federated identity standards organizations, vendors, and enterprises," said senior analyst Gerry Gebel of Burton Group. "SAML 2.0 is a significant convergence point for federation, but also poses interoperability and deployment challenges that must be addressed by commercial product providers."

Today's news further showcases DataPower's high-end security functionality (See: [DataPower Brings Maturity to WS Security for the Global 1000 with 3.1 Release](#)), its unmatched list of third-party certifications (See: [Department of Defense Certifies DataPower XS40 XML Security Gateway](#)), and its deep integration across the broadest portfolio of existing enterprise application and security infrastructure.

The OASIS SAML 2.0 Interoperability Lab

On February 16, 2005 at the RSA Conference in San Francisco, CA, thirteen vendors

from around the world teamed with the U.S. General Service Administration (GSA) E-Gov E-Authentication Initiative to successfully demonstrate interoperability of the SAML 2.0, a security specification developed by the OASIS standards consortium. SAML enables secure exchange of authentication, attribute, and authorization information between disparate security domains, making secure Internet e-business transactions possible. The OASIS Federated Identity InterOp Lab, co-sponsored by GSA E-Authentication Initiative, Enspier, and RSA Security, demonstrated a combination of web single sign-on, and single logout scenarios.

About DataPower

DataPower provides enterprises with intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure to ensure unparalleled performance, security and manageability of next-generation applications and XML Web Services. DataPower's patented XML Generation Three (XG3™) technology powers the industry's first wire-speed XML-aware networking devices that provide immediate return on technology investments while streamlining application deployments. Founded in 1999, DataPower is privately held and based in Cambridge, MA. For more information about DataPower Technology, please contact 617-864-0455 or visit www.datapower.com

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