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Ping Identity Delivers Federated Identity Conformance Service for SAML 1.1 in Collaboration with Industry's Leading Identity Management Vendors

Leading Vendors, Including **Netegrity, Oblix, and RSA Security,**
Act in Response to Marketplace and Analyst Demand for Security and Conformance Testing Services for SAML; Service Immediately Available to Vendor Community

Denver, CO, October 27, 2004 – Ping Identity Corporation (www.pingidentity.com) today announced the immediate availability of the industry's first SAML 1.1 Conformance and Security Testing Service, created in collaboration with today's leading identity management and security vendors – including, Netegrity, Oblix, and RSA Security. Conformance testing such as this is a required pre-cursor to validating true interoperability of vendor products. In addition, the group announced that they will make the service available to other vendors intending to ship products that adhere to the SAML 1.1 protocol.

The Conformance and Security Testing Service for SAML1.1 enables vendors to test a baseline level of SAML 1.1 functionality. The service utilizes a suite of commonly agreed to test scripts. The test scripts provide a common interpretation of the SAML1.1 specification – and thus, a common baseline for vendor products to test against. The service was created in response to analyst and marketplace demand for assurances of consistent product conformance to the Security Assertion Markup Language ("SAML") version 1.1 specification.

Dan Blum, Senior Vice President and Research Director at Burton Group was the first to request an industry-wide service such as this. "SAML 1.1 is one of the leading protocols being implemented for federated identity, but vendors have not sufficiently tested conformance to the protocol up to this point. This vendor collaboration around the test suite for SAML 1.1 provides a much needed solution to the federated identity marketplace."

In addition to complete coverage of the SAML 1.1 specification, the Conformance and Security Service also tests negative or 'errant' test conditions to verify proper handling of boundary conditions, poorly formed XML, and bad signatures.

Supported SAML 1.1 Conformance Profiles include:

- Browser Artifact Profile – Producer
- Browser Artifact Profile – Consumer
- Browser Post Profile – Producer

- Browser Post Profile – Consumer
- All SSO Profiles
- Authentication Responder
- Attribute Responder
- Authorization Responder

Federated Identity allows enterprises and service providers to securely link and exchange identity information across partner, supplier and customer organizations, while complying with privacy and industry regulations. Leading enterprises have deployed identity federation to get closer with partners, improve customer service, and accelerate execution of business partnerships and alliances.

For more information about Conformance and Security Service for SAML1.1, contact sales@pingidentity.com , or call 303.468.2900.

About Ping Identity Corporation
Ping Identity Corporation (www.pingidentity.com) develops enterprise-class software and services for simplified and scalable identity federation. Ping's products focus exclusively on open standards (SAML, Liberty, WS-Federation). In addition to Ping's commercial multi-protocol federation servers and accelerated deployment services, Ping is also the proud sponsor of the leading open source project for identity federation -- SourceID (www.sourceid.org).

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