

Solsoft Solves VPN Management Headache With New Solsoft NP VPN Modules

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First to Provide Single, Integrated Security Policy Management Solution
for VPNs and All Other Network Security Devices

London, January 7, 2002-Solsoft Inc., the leading provider of visual security policy management solutions, announced today the immediate availability of its Solsoft NP VPN Modules-which provide a revolutionary way to configure, manage and deploy IPSec VPNs and ensure interoperability between different brands of VPN devices.

Until now, it has been a major challenge to weave VPNs into a global security infrastructure and make them compatible with other types and brands of devices. With Solsoft NP VPN Modules, customers can configure-within minutes-multiple, complex VPN tunnels from a centralised location, ensure full interoperability with multiple brands and types of devices, and achieve end-to-end security by providing simultaneous management of router, firewall and VPN security policies from a single application.

"Currently, management is one of the biggest headaches in VPN deployment," says Dave Kosiur, senior analyst, The Burton Group. "Integrating VPNs into a global security infrastructure is difficult, so cost becomes a huge roadblock to success. Solsoft is the first to provide one single, vendor-neutral policy management solution for both VPNs and firewalls, solving complex management, interoperability and deployment issues. This is a significant breakthrough."

Complementing the Solsoft NP product line, which provides security management for multi-vendor routers, switches, servers and firewalls, Solsoft NP VPN Modules offer a unique, integrated approach to global network

security that makes IPSec deployment efficient, scalable and cost-effective.

For example, existing Solsoft managed service provider (MSP) customers will use Solsoft NP to deploy VPNs much faster to their customers and increase the productivity of their internal network security resources. Previously, configuration of customers' VPNs was performed on a per-device basis, using multiple tools and resources. With Solsoft NP, the MSP can now centrally define, deploy and maintain the VPN tunnels and security policies for thousands of customers from one single workstation.

Solsoft NP VPN features include:

- * Pre-configured VPNs-Pre-defined VPN configurations can be selected, eliminating the need to view complex IPSec parameters and guaranteeing interoperable configurations between different brands of devices. For advanced needs, configuration of individual IPSec and IKE parameters are greatly simplified.

- * Visual approach-IPSec VPNs are defined using Solsoft NP's highly intuitive object-oriented, drag-and-drop interface.

- * Automatic provisioning and deployment-Once VPNs are defined and designed, configurations are automatically calculated and then uploaded to VPN appliances, thus eliminating error-prone, manual tasks.

- * Interoperability-Solsoft NP VPN Modules support multi-vendor, multi-brand devices.

"Our 'all-in-one' approach is perfectly suited both to enterprise customers and service providers," says Robert de Monts, chairman and CEO, Solsoft, Inc. "We bring return on investment and peace of mind to enterprises by saving on network equipment and consulting services costs, while ensuring

interoperability and end-to-end security. And, MSPs reduce service deployment costs, while leveraging staff and expertise. No other vendor today offers such a desirable combination of benefits."

About Solsoft NP

The Solsoft NP product line consists of the Solsoft NP Management Station and three families of device modules: Solsoft NP Access Control, Firewall, and now, VPN. Device vendors supported include Check Point, Cisco, Ericsson, Evidian, Nokia, Nortel, and others. All modules are interoperable with each other for global, centralized management of security policies.

Solsoft NP VPN Modules run on Windows (98, NT, 2000), and UNIX (IBM AIX, Sun Solaris, HP HP-UX and Linux) and include an HP OpenView NMM import feature, which makes it possible to import existing HP OpenView maps.

Pricing and Availability

The Solsoft NP VPN Modules are available with the version 4.3 of Solsoft NP software, which is shipping immediately. Depending on the customer's needs, the Solsoft NP Management station is packaged in three editions: Small Enterprise, Enterprise, and Service Provider editions. Pricing is variable, starting at ,995 for the Solsoft NP Management Station, with add-on modules licensed individually on a per-device basis.

About Solsoft, Inc.

Solsoft is an innovator in network security, offering the leading independent, visual policy management solution on the market today. Its flagship product, Solsoft NP, helps enterprises, managed service providers and network security vendors simplify the design, deployment and management of multi-vendor routers, switches, firewalls, and VPNs. Using Solsoft NP, more than 150 customers in finance, telecommunications, manufacturing, and government have experienced improved ROI, increased productivity, interoperability and rapid security provisioning throughout global networks. Solsoft is headquartered in Mountain View, Calif., and Paris, France.

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