

Centrify becomes first identity vendor to deliver broad and comprehensive support for Google for Work

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Centrify (<http://www.centrify.com>), the leader in securing enterprise identities against cyberthreats, has announced that it is one of the first Identity-as-a-Service (IDaaS) providers to work with Google to deliver integrated identity and mobile management for Android for Work. In addition to Android for Work, Centrify now also delivers single sign-on (SSO) and multi-factor authentication (MFA) for Chromebooks and shared account password management and auditing of privileged users for Google Compute Engine's virtual servers, and enhanced user provisioning for Google Apps. The delivery of these new capabilities across the spectrum of Google's enterprise offerings results in Centrify now providing the broadest set of third party identity management capabilities for Google for Work (<http://www.centrify.com/solutions/cloud/google-for-work/>).

As companies continue to adopt cloud and mobile technology, IT is challenged to secure access to applications, devices and servers and can no longer rely on traditional perimeter security (<http://blog.centrify.com/identity-is-the-new-perimeter-2/>). Instead they need to protect their data by leveraging access policies that combine user identity and device context, such as location, time and security posture. Centrify's new capabilities and Android for Work partnership allow customers to confidently adopt multiple Google for Work products, including Android devices, Chromebooks, Google Compute Engine, and Google Apps for Work by providing a critical layer of security and management.

"We are delighted that Google has selected Centrify as an Android for Work partner," said Tom Kemp, CEO of Centrify. "Centrify protects against the leading point of attack used in data breaches compromised credentials. Centrify's identity platform can help companies enable Android for Work, as well as Google's other cloud and mobile technologies for the enterprise, by providing security and management across users, apps, devices and infrastructure."

Key new capabilities include:

Android for Work support: Integrated identity and mobile management enables IT to embrace Android devices in the workplace and support BYOD programs. With Centrify Identity Service, IT can unify device context, user identity and IT policy to help ensure that access to apps is granted to only authorized devices. From a single management console, IT can manage Android for Work profiles, provision corporate email and other apps and provide single sign-on and multi-factor authentication to apps deployed to the Android for Work profile.

Single sign-on and multi-factor authentication for Chromebooks: Organizations can leverage their existing Microsoft Active Directory or LDAP to deploy Chromebooks to their workforce without synchronizing passwords to Google Apps. Using Centrify Identity Service, workers can use their existing corporate identity to login to Chromebooks and seamlessly access all the corporate apps they need to get their jobs done. IT can also implement strong security through multi-factor authentication policies.

Cloud-based shared account password and access management: As organizations of all sizes continue to adopt Infrastructure-as-a-Service (IaaS), they need to secure, manage and audit access to

cloud-based servers. With Centrify Privilege Service, companies can simplify management of shared, privileged account passwords to secure administrative access to Google Compute Engine's virtual servers.

Deeper Google Apps integration: Google Apps continues to be adopted by organizations of all sizes. Centrify continues to secure and streamline Google Apps deployments by enhancing user provisioning with support for all Google user attributes. Centrify provides the ability to place users in specific Google Organizational Units which determines the features and services users have access to along with de-provisioning options to delete or suspend users. This builds upon Centrify's already robust and comprehensive SSO and MFA support for Google Apps.

As enterprises continue to adopt cloud and mobile, companies of all shapes and sizes are searching for solutions to secure, manage and enable the new way of conducting business. One such company is Apttus, which makes software for the automation of critical business functions. Apttus turned to Centrify for a common set of policies and a single pane of glass from which to deliver and manage integrated security across Google for Work applications and devices.

"We have adopted many components of Google for Work, including Google Apps as well as a large variety of Google devices," said Erich Hilkemeyer, vice president of information technology at Apttus. "With Centrify, we now have a 100 percent cloud-based solution that provides integrated policy and management across users, apps and devices, giving us the ability to instantly track which users are logging into which apps and services. Centrify saves us time and money by unifying security and management of apps and devices in a single solution."

"When we surveyed 2000 organizations and asked them what was on their roadmap they said resoundingly that Identity Management and Single Sign-On were by far the most important next step to ensuring that they can deliver a superior user experience while also improving security and privacy," said Jim Haviland, chief strategy officer at VOX Mobile. "We are very excited to be working with Centrify and Google to bring improvement to application success and user experience to clients around the world."

"Google has shown great vision with its BeyondCorp initiative (<http://blogs.wsj.com/digits/2015/05/13/google-moves-its-corporate-applications-to-the-internet/>), a forward thinking approach to security for the mobile workforce that verifies people and devices before allowing access to applications. We believe Centrify's unified approach to identity and mobility management aligns to that vision, and we are proud to deliver the industry's broadest support for Google enterprise solutions," added Kemp.

Centrify, Google and Vox Mobile are hosting an enterprise mobility and identity security forum on Wednesday, November 18 at Google's Mountain View Campus. Executives will discuss how industry leaders have come together to provide a unified and proven approach that leverages identity of the device and the user to enable enterprise mobility. To attend the forum, please register here (http://info.centrify.com/700-334.Alliance.151028.GoogleSFExecEvent.html?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRomrfCcl63Em2iQP).

About Centrify

Centrify is the leader in securing enterprise identities against cyberthreats that target today's hybrid IT environment of cloud, mobile and on-premises. The Centrify Identity Platform protects against the leading point of attack used in data breaches — compromised credentials — by securing an enterprise's internal and external users as well as its privileged accounts. Centrify delivers stronger security, continuous compliance and enhanced user productivity through single sign-on, multi-factor authentication, mobile and Mac management, privileged access security and session monitoring. Centrify is trusted by over 5000 customers, including more than half of the Fortune 50.

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