

Lawful Interception of VoIP

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Company Profile

- Foundation: 1983
- Turnover:
- EBIT:
- **Ownership**:
- **Employees:**
- Headquarters:

- 34.8 million € in 2004/2005
- 5.8 million €
- Public Company (Frankfurt Prime Standard)
- > 250 worldwide
- Oberursel (near Frankfurt/Main)

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Presence



Portfolio

Utimaco Product Portfolio:

Personal Device Security

Innovative, trustworthy SafeGuard[®] solutions protect your data against misuse – on the terminals in private as well as public organizations (SafeGuard® Easy, - PrivateDisc, -LANCrypt, - PrivateCrypto, - Advanced Sec., - PDA).

Transaction Security

Focusing on innovative eBusiness and eGovernment solutions on the basis of Utimaco technologies (e-mail security, PKI, PKI-enabled applications, Hardware Security Module, Lawful Interception Management System).



Lawful Interception – Definition and Terms

- Lawful Interception (LI)
 - Interception of telecommunications for purposes of law enforcement based on laws and other regulations
- Requirements for telecommunication service providers
- Law Enforcement Agency (LEA)
- Interception Related Information (IRI)
 - Information about intercepted communications (e.g. identifiers of participants, times, location information)
- Call Content (CC)
 - Content of intercepted data (e.g. speech, e-mail, data)
- Handover Interfaces (HI)



Legal Framework

LI is based on national laws and regulations Implementation is often based on standards





Generic Requirements

- All communication of a target and service must be intercepted
- Integrity and confidentiality of Information must be ensured
- Only authorized personnel must be able to use the LI equipment
- All information must only be accessible to authorized personnel
 - → Every use of LI equipment must be logged
- Intercepted subject must never be able to detect the interception
 - Active interception measures must never influence the telecommunication service
- Provider only required to provide accessible data
 - Network-intrinsic encryption must be removed



Functional Overview



IIF: internal interception function INI:internal network interface HI1: administrative information HI2: intercept related information HI3: content of communication



Functions of LI Solutions

- Administration Function
 - GUI to administrate LI components and interception measures
- Mediation (Delivery) Function
 - Communication between administration system and access functions
 - Delivery Function (DF) transmits IRI and CC to LEA
- Access Function
 - Accesses data to be intercepted in telecommunication network
 - Active: Internal Interception Function (IIF) integrated in network node
 - Passive: Probe/Sniffer, filtering to be intercepted communications out of whole network traffic



Functions of LI Solutions for VolP

- Delivery Function
 - IP
 - PSTN
- Access Function
 - Active/IIF:
 - Signaling Server (e.g. SIP Server)
 - Access Router
 - Session Border Controller
 - Application Server
 - Passive:
 - Probes (SIP, H.323, RTP, ...)



Valuation of LI Solutions for VoIP

	Pros	Cons
Active	+ no additional hardware	- security
Signaling Server	+ scales good	- IIF integrated in server
	+ minimal effort for provider	- performance
Access Router	+ access to all media	- correlation of IRI and CC difficult
	+ sometimes only alternative	- LI functions at multiple points
Session Border Controller	+ reuse of SBCs	- calls to PSTN not covered
	+ easy correlation of IRI and CC	- additional hardware
Application Server	+ centralized solution	- rerouting could be necessary
	+ easy correlation of IRI and CC	- application dependent
Passive	+ very secure	- additional hardware
Probes	+ indepent of vendor (in theory)	- scaling can become an issue
		- possibility of packet losses



LI of peer-to-peer VoIP





LI-Standards for VoIP

- ATIS T1.678
 - US
- ETSI WI 00024
 - Europe
 - Canada, Australia, Asia?
- 3GPP 33 108
 - 3rd generation mobile network operators
- CableLabs PacketCable
 - (Broadband) Cable operators
- ETSI TS 101 671
 - Originally for PSTN networks
 - Possible solution for PSTN and VoIP operators



Status of Regulation

US

- Based on CALEA
- Second order of FCC from 12 May 2006
- Interconnected VoIP services
- Providers must be compliant by 14 May 2007
- Europe
 - Different from country to country
 - Germany: Interim solution until ETSI standard is finalized
 - Netherlands: LI of VoIP already active



Open Issues

IRI

- Forwarding of signalling information e.g. SIP messages
 vs.
- Mapping of SIP messages to defined structures
- CC
 - Some providers cannot access the content
 - Possible ban of business models
- Application/service specific data
- Encryption is a hard problem for LEAs
 - → Blocking of encrypted traffic?



LI for NGN/IMS

- Next Generation Networks (NGNs) standardized by ETSI TISPAN
- Based on 3GPP approach
- Core component: IP Multimedia Subsytem (IMS)
- Goals:
 - Independent of underlying network architectures
 - Services in networks independent of access type (PSTN, mobile, DSL, ...)
 - Terminal and user mobility
 - Easy deployment of new services



TISPAN R1NGN IMS architecture (ES 282 0001)

All Cisco.com



TISPAN R1NGN architecture with IMS LI reference points

Questions?

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