Genetec Releases Latest Version of Its Unified Security Platform, Security Center 5.0

Montreal, Canada, April 5, 2011 — Genetec, a leader in innovative IP security and public safety solutions, announces the release of the latest version of its unified security platform, Security Center 5.0. With this latest release, the Security Center now supports an embedded video recording and streaming engine. Additional features include, among others, an enhanced architecture that facilitates the installation and maintenance of the platform, third-party intrusion integration of alarm panels and perimeter detection devices, a new plug-in architecture for adding third-party integrations, standby and redundant archiving capabilities.

One of the most significant enhancements is the addition of Genetec's next generation video and streaming engine within the unified platform, continuing to benefit from the power of Genetec's industry-leading video surveillance system, Omnicast. With Security Center 5.0, customers will now be able to configure and manage IP cameras and encoders, recording schedules, camera settings, and much more. More importantly, the same configuration application can be used to configure the Security Center's Synergis access control and AutoVu license plate recognition systems. Benefits that naturally flow out of the Security Center's architecture include the use of common features across all platforms, consistent workflows for configuration and reporting activities, reduced training costs, and most importantly, a single interface for monitoring all your security and safety applications.

"Security Center 5.0 brings to the market Genetec's latest video management engine based on our Omnicast 4 platform but with significant enhancements with respect to video streaming, rendering, and recording," says Jimmy Palatsoukas, Senior Product Manager at Genetec. "We have also worked diligently to expand, as well as to enhance the deployment and maintenance capabilities of the system. The end result is not just a platform that provides the highest level of security, but also one that is easy to deploy, configure, and use on a daily basis."

With the aim of expanding the unification capabilities of the platform, this latest release of the Security Center now supports the integration of third-party intrusion panels through an intrusion devices protocol or API. Users can not only arm and disarm panels manually or configure arming on a schedule, but they can also run intrusion reports to view an alarm panel's events and alarms. What's more, the addition of an intrusion driver kit will allow Genetec to integrate additional intrusion devices without requiring a new Security Center release. The addition of a plug-in engine will also enable Genetec to add new video analytics, third-party access control, and point-of-sale integrations when needed and with a short turnaround time. Lastly, a web-based software development kit will allow Genetec's customers to develop platform-independent applications and interfaces for various operating environments.

On the user interface side, the Security Center now supports task sharing for operators to share their monitoring and reporting tasks with other operators in real-time, enhanced video thumbnail support, and advanced video caching that supports full-frame playback to dramatically improve the operator`s experience all around. A new system status monitoring task allows operators and administrators alike to monitor the real-time state of cameras, doors, intrusion panels, client applications and servers thereby having a clear picture of the entire security environment.

The Security Center will be showcased at ISC West, booth 21051, from April 6-8 in Las Vegas, at Expo Seguridad, booth 951, from April 12-14 in Mexico City, and at IFSEC, booth 4C30, from May 16-18 in Birmingham, UK.

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