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Protect Data supplies electronic certificates to Danish schools

- Entrust certificates give teachers and students secure Internet access

Danish company UNI-C has entered into a framework agreement with Protect Data's Danish subsidiary for the provision of a PKI-solution from Entrust Technologies. The aim is for teachers and students in Denmark to receive their own electronic certificates which provide secure access to UNI-C's Internet-based teaching services. With the agreement UNI-C has the possibility to use up to 500 000 certificates from Entrust. A small part of the certificates will be delivered during 2001.

In recent years, UNI-C has worked with Entrust Technologies' solutions and recently launched the first product to use personal, electronic certificates (i.e. Public Key Infrastructure solutions). The product is a solution for home PCs, which gives teachers, and students secure access to restricted school intranets over the Internet.

With experience of product development of solutions for home PCs as a basis, UNI-C is now starting a project which will promote the development of security and user-friendliness of 'Sektornet' – the Danish schools' own network.

"An activated certificate guarantees teachers and students that the identities of the web servers and web pages they visit are authentic. They will not need to provide user ID and passwords for each service. A secure system can also be used to make administrative work more efficient. With Entrust's certificate as a central element of Sektornet's infrastructure, many new secure areas of application can be created for the network," says Dorte Olesen, CEO of UNI-C.

UNI-C is a state-owned company with 260 employees. The company cooperates with the Danish Ministry of Education to develop and integrate IT solutions for the Danish education sector. UNI-C and Protect Data cooperated on a pilot project in which a basis was created for using Entrust Technologies' electronic certificates in the Danish education sector.

"The pilot project and the subsequent agreement with UNI-C says a great deal about the scalability of the solutions that enables Entrust's digital signatures. Software is designed to suit huge solutions and we are very pleased with the test results from the pilot phase," says Stuart Peters, President of Protect Data A/S.

"The Danish IT security market is growing rapidly and we believe this is a very positive development. This is our third major agreement in Denmark in recent years. Protect Data's involvement in these projects is proof of our very strong position on the Danish market," says Carl Rosvall, CEO of Protect Data AB.

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