



Press Release

Cherry Corporation increases security in SAP with biometric fingerprint access

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Cherry is using biometric security to protect critical financial transactions

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realtime North America, Inc. (www.realtimenorthamerica.com) has announced that The Cherry Corporation has installed realtime's bioLock, the first and only SAP certified finger print access and function control solution, to secure system administration and critical transactions.

Cherry is increasing the safety of the SAP infrastructure combining its FingerTip ID Board G83-14100 and FingerTip ID Mouse M-4000 together with the biometric security software from realtime. Cherry IT administrators log into the SAP system with their fingerprints, rather than passwords. Each person's level of access can be set differently. Future plans are to secure all kinds of business-critical SAP transactions, including financial applications. The general aim is to maintain and increase the security and confidence of Cherry's investors, partners and employees and to take proactive steps to fulfil upcoming requirements as e.g. specified by Sarbanes-Oxley.

"For us the bioLock software from realtime together with our own Cherry FingerTIP ID Devices are the best way to increase safety and affordability in the field of SAP administration", says Alois Eckert, Cherry director SAP organisation. Thomas Neudenberger, COO realtime North America adds: 'It is exciting to see Cherry, the leader in biometric keyboards, committing to their own products and standing behind biometric security'.

The FingerTip ID Board G83-14100 and the FingerTip ID Mouse M-4000 work with an integrated fingerprint sensor. Both devices are fully compatible with realtime's bioLock, and offer a wide range of user options along with it.

INFO World media group has presented realtime the "INFO WORLD 100" award for innovative technology based upon the successful installation at Brevard County Florida. realtime's solution along with Cherry keyboards are in place for users to securely access their SAP system.

About the Cherry Corporation

The Cherry Corporation manufactures proprietary and custom electrical switches, sensors, electronic keyboards and controls for the worldwide automotive, computer, consumer and commercial markets. The company has two operating divisions in the United States and seven wholly owned subsidiaries in Germany, England, France, Australia, Czech Republic, Mexico and Hong Kong. Cherry also has 50-50 joint ventures in Japan, Hirose Cherry Precision Company Limited, and in India, TVS Cherry Limited. Find more information at <http://www.cherrycorp.com>

About realtime

realtime is an SAP solution company that was established in 1986 in Europe and is still managed by former senior SAP employees. realtime has a client base of over 200 "Fortune Global 500" customers in Europe and in North America including Bayer, DaimlerChrysler, Siemens, Toyota, Esso, Procter & Gamble, DuPont, Black & Decker, Nestlé, and others. realtime has supported these clients with both services and software solutions. In addition to bioLock, realtime has many users of its other popular software solutions, including APM, which provides access rights administration and auditing functions in SAP R/3. For more information about realtime North America, see www.realtimenorthamerica.com. All company and product names listed above are the property of the respective companies.

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