

KEEP INFORMATION SECURE WHILE SHARING

Information is the lifeblood of government. Be it to respond – or prevent – an emergency, or simply to effectively serve citizens. Sharing that information efficiently and securely has become increasingly complex, especially with constantly evolving and expanding objectives.

To help make this universal goal a reality, governments need a flexible, secure, and standards-based solution.

Yet huge challenges stand in the way. Stovepiped systems. Islands of incompatible information. Cultural, communication and budgetary issues that prevent governments from sharing what they know in order to achieve what they've been entrusted to do.

SECURE, Information-Sharing ARCHITECTURE for Communities of Trust

The Secure Information Sharing Architecture (SISA) breaks through information-sharing barriers with a COTS solution that allows agencies to share and collaborate while protecting sensitive internal content.

It enables government to consolidate disparate systems and networks into a cost-effective infrastructure to help secure, govern, and accelerate the distribution of mission-critical knowledge. SISA combines products from Cisco, EMC and Microsoft with best-of-breed innovations from smaller companies to address the urgent need for sharing sensitive materials across organizational, IT and jurisdictional boundaries.

With SISA, organizations can participate with confidence in communities of trust because they have the controls they need to precisely govern how their information is accessed and used. SISA lets them determine how, when where, and with whom they will share their materials – according to the requirements of the mission, not the constraints of technology or resources.

A UNIQUE SOLUTION from an Unprecedented Alliance

SISA IS unlike any other information sharing market. Put simply SISA is a panacea, not a band-aid, addressing the core of government's information sharing theory.

SISA is Real. It's not a theory, wishful thinking, or vaporware. It's a fully defined architecture and implementation roadmap based on products that are ready for deployment today.

SISA is Proven. It's based on COTS products, industry standards and accepted best practices. It's backed by over two years of development by an alliance between Cisco, EMC, Microsoft, and other IT innovators. The combined annual R&D budgets of these companies totals more than \$12B, the benefits of which will accrue to SISA.

SISA is Resilient. It's designed to require-ments for multi-national military environments. It implements policy-driven defense-in-depth. It extends controls across the entire data path of information. It simplifies compliance and maintains secure audit trails.

SISA is Agile. Agencies can automate authentication and authorization according to their policies. They can revise, limit, or withhold access as partners, roles, and responsibilities change. They can make services and information available as their circumstances demand.

SISA is Sustainable. It lets government organizations address burning platform issues immediately. Then expand their information-sharing capabilities in progressive stages.

SISA is Affordable. It builds on widely deployed infrastructures agencies already have. It's based on widely available components. It requires a far smaller investment and far fewer resources than complex, proprietary systems that provide far less interoperability.

SISA is Crucial. SISA is our response to government's request to industry to "get together and show us how to safely collaborate and exchange access." SISA is a completely developed, delivered, and supported solution for security-enhanced information sharing.



YOU ASKED

The SISA Alliance started after repeated requests by government for industry to get together to address one of the most critical needs in government: secure information sharing.

We did just that. For more than two years, we've assembled the industry's leading technology innovators to form an alliance that today brings you a complete IT infrastructure that allows government to share what they know in order to achieve what they've been entrusted to do.

All of this from companies you trust, with products and technologies you already know.

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What if

you could enforce
your security policies

No matter where your information is
...or where it goes?



SISA EMPOWERS Government IT Infrastructure

SISA consolidates disparate systems and networks into a cost-effective infrastructure to help secure, govern, and accelerate the distribution of mission-critical knowledge. With SISA, organizations can participate with confidence in communities of trust because they have the controls they need to precisely govern how their information is accessed and used by:

- Defining an architecture of industry-standard components and existing infrastructure that protects sensitive data and systems with multiple layers of automated security.
- Establishing an environment where organizations can share and govern their information across an extended enterprise of trusted information providers and consumers.
- Providing a platform for reducing internal loss or theft, implementing shared services, and applying policy-based safeguards to all information every time it is used and shared.

SISA squarely addresses the data protection challenge with a solution that fulfills three of the most common customer concerns regarding data protection:

- **Protecting internal, sensitive content.** Unlike previous solutions which did protect data but created islands of isolated information, SISA allows government organizations to maintain the availability of content, while precisely governing how it may be accessed and used.

SISA is also very agile, enabling agencies to revise or withdraw access as roles and responsibilities change. As a result, internal data remains confidential, safe from internal theft, damage, and loss.

- **Consolidating infrastructure and sharing services.** SISA offers a blueprint for shared services that allows government organizations to realize cost savings from consolidation – without requiring an commingling of information among members of their communities of trust. By giving each member control over the protection of their own data, SISA helps agencies accelerate the consolidation of disparate systems and networks into cost-effective, shared physical infrastructures.

- **Enabling cross-agency information sharing.** When information is protected on a system-by-system basis, there isn't a basis for sharing sensitive content across organizations. As a result, agencies can't effectively communicate or collaborate.

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