

JabberNow Instant Messaging Appliance Available in Australia

Cleartext Pty Ltd, a leading provider of secure email and instant messaging (IM) solutions, today announced the immediate availability of the JabberNow enterprise instant messaging (EIM) appliance for Australian customers. Designed for small and medium workforces, JabberNow offers out-of-the-box collaboration features like presence-based instant messaging (IM) and text conferencing.

According to Government Computer News, the plug-and-play JabberNow appliance is small, light and incredibly easy to set up [and] can handle most offices IM needs painlessly and securely. Targeted to smaller workgroups who internally and often externally collaborate on time-sensitive, mission-critical information NetworkComputing calls JabberNow about the easiest network installation chore I've ever had the pleasure of doing, while VARBusiness gives JabberNow two thumbs up its highest rating

Based on Jabber, Inc.'s flagship Jabber Extensible Communications Platform (Jabber XCP), JabberNow complies with industry interoperability standards and federates (securely connects and authenticates) with the vast majority of IM and extended presence networks used by financial institutions, manufacturers, governments and consumers. In its standard configuration, JabberNow is natively interoperable with any other Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP) server and works seamlessly with any XMPP client, including mobile and value-added fixed (desktop) clients available through Cleartext. Available add-ons that Cleartext will be offering to the Australian market include the AIM Gateway from Jabber, Inc. (for connectivity to the AOL IM network), SIP/SIMPLE gateway, SMS gateway, SDKs, message archiving, and LDAP integration, all of which enable JabberNow customers, through Cleartext, to utilize both sophisticated and simple real-time message systems inside and outside of their internal networks.

Cleartext MD, David Banes said, We are very excited to provide a turnkey, secure and interoperable IM solution to the Australian market. IM has become a key presence and messaging tool within organisations today, with many corporate users creating informal public IM networks or graynets. These unsanctioned networks become a security and administrative nightmare for the organisations IT staff. Rather than try to eradicate an effective communication tool, Cleartext and JabberNow offer a secure, cost-effective solution to eliminate installation, management and security concerns.

To simplify EIM further, Cleartext offers centrally managed solutions for IM configuration, management, policy definition, message archiving, antivirus, spyware, anti-SpIM and public IM interoperability.

We have chosen to partner with Cleartext because of their experience with presence-based messaging generally and the Jabber protocol specifically, said Rick Emery, VP of business development at Jabber, Inc. Taken together, Cleartext and Jabber, Inc. will deliver the standard JabberNow product along with customized functionality, mobile and fixed clients, and extended presence services to the Australian market.

Pricing and further information for the JabberNow appliance and gateway solution is available now from Cleartext see their website, www.cleartext.com.au or by calling 1300 662863.

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About Cleartext

Cleartext markets and sells products, services and consulting in the internet messaging space. The focus is on providing secure messaging solutions for email and instant messaging to Australian small to medium businesses. Cleartext enables companies to implement a robust messaging infrastructure through a mixture of consulting, products, services and end user training. Cleartext was founded by David Banes, the former Technical Director at MessageLabs (Asia Pacific) Ltd, the world's leading provider of email security and management services and Leigh Costin the former Director of Product Marketing for Fortinet (Asia Pacific), the world's leading privately-held network security systems supplier. For more information, please see www.cleartext.com.au

About Jabber, Inc.

Jabber, Inc. is a leading provider of real-time presence and messaging solutions. More than seven million users, representing hundreds of organizations worldwide, have licensed the Jabber XCP commercial server to underpin a wide variety of real-time, presence-powered applications, including enterprise instant messaging (EIM), transactional financial trading systems, and government intelligence systems. The JabberNow IM appliance is targeted to small and medium businesses, who require secure, interoperable, and compliant business-class IM. Jabber Inc., a 2005 EContent 100 Award Finalist and a 2005 Red Herring 100 Award Finalist, counts Arcelor, AT&T, BellSouth, CapWIN, EDS, FedEx, France Telecom, HP, Lehman Brothers, McKesson, Orange, Portugal Telecom, and Wanadoo amongst its customers. Jabber, Inc.'s investors include France Telecom, Intel Capital, Intel's strategic investing arm, Jona, Inc., and Webb Interactive Services, Inc. Visit www.jabber.com for more information.

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