

Sparx Systems Enterprise Architect Supports Security Industry Association Standards Development

Leading trade group in the electronic and physical security market adopts premier modeling tool for development of standards framework.

Creswick, Australia, May 17, 2010 – Sparx Systems (www.sparxsystems.com), a leading vendor of modeling tools based on open standards, today announced that its award winning UML tool, Enterprise Architect, has been adopted by the Security Industry Association (SIA). The choice of Enterprise Architect by SIA for development of standards, highlights the growing deployment and increasing value of object oriented modeling across a growing diversity of disciplines, in the development of reference models and the creation of standards.

The use of Unified Modeling Language (UML) has proven to be of great value in the development of standard interface definitions and in communicating model concepts, both domestically and internationally, especially within the IT community.

Monica Rigano, SIA Director of Technical Standards, noted, “SIA is very confident that with the support of Sparx Systems, the complexity of ongoing standards development tasks will be easier to address and through deployment of tools such as Enterprise Architect, more standards will be developed in less time, to meet the growing demand.”

Commenting on the use of Enterprise Architect, Joseph Gittens the Standards Manager at SIA, said, “The Open Systems Integration and Performance Standards (OSIPS) framework has been one of SIA's most ambitious and successful standardization efforts. The OSIPS Framework effort defines a set of common design elements required for the family of standards, as well as cross-industry interfaces. The use of Enterprise Architect is invaluable in developing not only the OSIPS standards, but also quick, organized drafts of thought models, used throughout the standard creation process.”

“We are excited to be supporting the standards development effort of SIA with Enterprise Architect” said, Ken Harkin, Sparx Systems Business Development Manager. “This development support for SIA continues our mutual interaction with standards development organizations. The use of Enterprise Architect by SIA also strengthens our shared relationship in sectors that may influence the standards development activities of SIA. These include energy utilities, the geospatial sector and e-health, where Enterprise Architect is already used in the development of industry standards.”

Enterprise Architect 8, the most recent product release from Sparx Systems, is available for download and evaluation from: <http://www.sparxsystems.com/products/ea/8>

About Sparx Systems

Sparx Systems (www.sparxsystems.com) specializes in high performance and scalable visual modeling tools for the planning, design and construction of software intensive systems.

With customers in industries ranging from aerospace and automotive engineering to finance, defense, government, entertainment and telecommunications, Sparx Systems is a leading vendor of innovative solutions based on the Unified Modeling Language (UML) and its related specifications. A Contributing Member of the Object Management Group (OMG), Sparx Systems is committed to realizing the potential of model-driven development based on open standards.

The company's flagship product, Enterprise Architect, has received numerous accolades since its commercial release in August, 2000. Now at version 8, Enterprise Architect is the design tool of choice for close to 200,000 registered users world-wide.

About Security Industry Association

The Security Industry Association (www.siaonline.org) is the leading trade group for businesses in the electronic and physical security market. SIA protects and advances its members' interests by advocating pro-industry policies and legislation on Capitol Hill and throughout the 50 states; producing cutting-edge global market research; creating open industry standards that enable integration; advancing industry professionalism through education and training; opening global market opportunities; and providing sole sponsorship of the ISC Expos, the world's largest security trade shows and conferences.

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