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### **« Towards strong authentication in web applications ... »**

GENEVA, February 9th 2010 – One generally meets strong authentication, or multi-factor authentication, when connecting to financial services or home office environments, vastly famous for their strong appetite for PIN code protected calculators and SecurID tokens. What about other websites?

Yet, more and more online services collect, process and expose personal information, often perceived as highly secured by their users. At the same time, any regular news reader hears of breaches on an almost daily basis. Let's admit it: the old « username/password » couple or even « SSL » encrypted communications do not offer enough security against increasingly sophisticated attacks by computer hackers, organized cybercrime or even, but nonetheless, disgruntled employees secretly nourishing their darkest desire...

Strong authentication is still perceived as a very costly and complex technology to integrate with web applications. A perception, which is increasingly wrong: many strong authentication technologies for web applications have been made available, which often can be deployed at reduced cost and complexity, provided that one surrounds himself/herself with the right skills.

The open promotion of web application security is a core mission set by the OWASP. In this context, the Geneva OWASP chapter partnered with our local OpenID chapter to setup the *Geneva Application Security Forum 2010*, on next March 4<sup>th</sup>, in Geneva.

This meeting will be an exceptional opportunity for all participants to improve their understanding of strong authentication technologies for web applications, try some of them and share their experiences.

Participation is free and open to all, after registration (depending on remaining seats available). Please feel free to click the link below and discover the detailed agenda of the meeting, and, when convinced, to fill in the registration form!

<http://www.geneva-appsec-forum.ch>

(Warning: 250 seats available, 2 talks out of 3 will be held in French!)

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