IBM acquiert Q1 Labs dans le but d'étoffer son offre de solutions de sécurité

Avec l'acquisition de Q1 Labs, IBM crée une nouvelle division consacrée à la sécurité offrant un portefeuille de solutions des plus complets. Les solutions analytiques de Q1 Labs permettront de renforcer la sécurité des produits et services IBM.

Paris - 06 oct. 2011: IBM (NYSE : IBM) annonce aujourd'hui l'acquisition de Q1 Labs, une société non cotée fournissant des logiciels de Security Intelligence basée à Waltham dans le Massachussetts. Cette opération vient compléter les nombreux efforts faits par IBM pour aider ses clients à sécuriser de manière plus intelligente leurs entreprises en utilisant les technologies analytiques. Ces technologies permettent de corréler les informations provenant de domaines de sécurité clés et de créer des tableaux de bord de sécurité utiles à leurs organisations.

Une fois l'opération finalisée, Q1 Labs rejoindra la nouvelle division « IBM Security System » rassemblant désormais le portefeuille d'offres de sécurité le plus complet qui soit. Cette nouvelle division sera dirigée par Brendan Hannigan, l'actuel PDG de Q1 Labs.

La division IBM Security Systems ciblera le marché des services et logiciels de sécurité, un marché estimé à 94 millions de dollars et en croissance de 12% par an selon les estimations d'IBM. Q1 Labs vient compléter la dizaine d'autres acquisitions stratégiques menées par IBM au cours des 10 dernières années dans le domaine de la sécurité ainsi que plus de 25 acquisitions liées aux solutions analytiques dont le récent rachat d'i2, spécialiste de l'analyse et de la surveillance sécuritaire .

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IBM to Acquire Q1 Labs to Drive Greater Security Intelligence

IBM Creates New Security Division with World's Most Comprehensive Portfolio; Q1 Labs' Analytics to Advance IBM's Security Products and Services Offering

ARMONK, N.Y. – 06 Oct 2011: IBM (NYSE: IBM) today announced a definitive agreement to acquire privately held Q1 Labs, a Waltham, Massachusetts-based provider of security intelligence software. The move aims to accelerate IBM's efforts to help clients more intelligently secure their enterprises by applying analytics to correlate information from key security domains and creating security dashboards for their organizations. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Following the close of the acquisition, Q1 Labs will join the newly-formed IBM Security Systems division, representing the world's most comprehensive security portfolio. After the close, IBM intends the new division to be led by Brendan Hannigan, CEO of Q1 Labs.

The new division will target a $94 billion opportunity in security software and services, which has a nearly 12 percent compound annual growth rate, according to IBM estimates.   Q1 Labs will join the more than 10 strategic security acquisitions IBM has made in the last decade and the more than 25 analytics-related purchases, including the recently announced acquisition of security analytics software firm, i2.

Organizations face a landscape with high-impact corporate breaches, growing mobile security concerns and advanced security threats, as highlighted in last week's IBM X-Force Mid-Year Trend and Risk Report. Firms must be equipped to identify threats, detect insider fraud, predict business risk and address regulatory mandates. Three quarters of firms feel cyberattacks are hard to detect and their effectiveness would increase with end-to-end solutions, according to a recent industry report (1).

Q1 Labs' advanced analytics and correlation capabilities can automatically detect and flag actions across an enterprise that deviate from prescribed policies and typical behavior to help prevent breaches, such as an employee accessing unauthorized information.

"Since perimeter defense alone is no longer capable of thwarting all threats, IBM is in a unique position to shift security thinking to an integrated, predictive approach," said Brendan Hannigan, CEO of Q1 Labs. "Q1 Labs' security analytics will add greater intelligence to IBM's security portfolio and continue to distinguish IBM from competitors."

New IBM Security Division Delivers the World's Most Comprehensive Security Offerings, Expertise

IBM's new Security Systems division integrates IBM's Tivoli, Rational and Information Management security software, appliances, lab offerings and services. IBM plans to apply Q1 Labs' analytics to drive greater security intelligence capabilities across its security products and services such as identity and access management, database security, application security, enterprise risk management, intrusion prevention, endpoint management and network security. In fact, IBM Managed Security Services today is making available to clients a cloud-based service of Q1 Labs' security information and event management offering.

Q1 Labs technology will also create a common security platform for IBM's software, hardware, services and research offerings. Clients will benefit from more tightly integrated products, a unified roadmap and accelerated time-to-value on investments to build more intelligent security systems.

"Realigning IBM's security expertise in a new division with a greater focus on analytics is a bold step IBM is taking to help clients stay ahead of growing security threats," said Robert LeBlanc, senior vice president, IBM Middleware Software. "By consolidating our global expertise, IBM clients will have access to the most comprehensive, insightful view of security across their people, data and infrastructure."

IBM operates the world's broadest security research and development organization, comprising nine security operations centers, nine IBM Research centers, 11 software security development labs and three Institutes for Advanced Security. It employs thousands of security experts globally such as security operations analysts, consultants, sales and tech specialists, and strategic outsourcing delivery professionals. IBM monitors 12 billion security events per day in more than 130 countries and holds 3,000 security patents. IBM has been in the security business for nearly 50 years dating back to the security innovation in its mainframe systems.

About Q1 Labs

Q1 Labs has more than 1,800 clients globally, including healthcare providers, energy firms, retail organizations, utility companies, financial institutions, government agencies, educational institutions, and wireless service providers.

Q1 Labs software collects and analyzes information from hundreds of sources across an organization such as the network, applications, user activity, mobile endpoints, and physical security devices such as badge readers — including both cloud-based and on-premise sources. Its security information and event management (SIEM) software also helps IT staff and auditors manage the tracking of security incidents and model risk to better protect customers, while giving executives insight into the security and risk posture of the organization.

Q1 Labs' employees are located in Waltham, Mass.; Belfast, Northern Ireland; and Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, and will become part of IBM Software Group. The acquisition is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2011 and is subject to regulatory review and the satisfaction of customary closing conditions.

For more information on IBM security, please visit: www.ibm.com/security

Footnote:

 (1) SOURCE: June 2011 Ponemon Institute report