

Accenture Completes Acquisition of iDefense Security Intelligence Services, Expands Ability to Provide Clients with Faster, More Complete Threat Intelligence

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In a move to provide clients with better and more comprehensive threat intelligence, Accenture (NYSE:ACN) has completed its acquisition of the iDefense Security Intelligence Services business from VeriSign, Inc. (NASDAQ:VRSN). [*iDefense*](#) is one of the world's first and most prolific cyber threat intelligence businesses with proven capabilities in making its intelligence both timely and actionable for clients.

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The acquisition, which was [*first announced on February 9, 2017*](#), brings more capabilities to Accenture Security, by boosting its existing Cyber Defense Services with better threat intelligence to augment the services it manages for clients' security operations. iDefense's capabilities will also become an integral component of Accenture's adversary simulation, threat hunting and breach response and remediation offerings.

"Completing this acquisition of iDefense dramatically increases the breadth of our threat intelligence capabilities and enables us to get closer to where threats are propagating so we can help clients detect attacks faster," said Kelly Bissell, managing director of Accenture Security. "We are very excited to welcome the iDefense team to Accenture. Together, we are well positioned to deliver unparalleled enterprise threat intelligence solutions as well as build upon our established market leadership in cyber defense services."

Over the past 18 years, iDefense has amassed vast amounts of proprietary threat intelligence data that powers its distinctive analysis platform, IntelGraph and its application program interfaces (APIs). Along with bringing powerful insights to Accenture's clients' threat intelligence teams, these key capabilities will fuel the Accenture Cybersecurity Engine (ACE) and enable clients to know where threats are forming and coming from, and what actions to take - much earlier than other providers leveraging public data feeds. ACE is a powerful platform that uses artificial intelligence and machine learning to analyze data across an organization's entire attack surface in order to predict, detect and eliminate threats.

Founded in 1998 and headquartered in Northern Virginia, iDefense serves top-tier organizations across a range of industries - including banking, communications, media, technology and products.

About Accenture

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