

Omada Appoints Santeri Kangas as Chief Technology Officer

Strong IT security profile to head technology strategy for the thriving experts in identity management and access governance

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK, July 5, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Omada](http://Omada.com), a market leader in IT security solutions and services for identity management and access governance, today announced the appointment of Santeri Kangas as Chief Technology Officer (CTO). Reporting to Omada CEO Morten Boel Sigurdsson, Kangas will play a key role in shaping Omada's technology strategy, as the company embarks on the next phase of growth and innovation.



Omada CTO Santeri Kangas

"I am very pleased to have Santeri Kangas join the Omada team. With 25 years of experience in building award-winning software products for corporate, consumer and operator channels, he has a proven track record of setting up, leading, and optimizing global cybersecurity research and development organizations," said Morten Boel Sigurdsson about the appointment.

Santeri Kangas, who assumed his role in Omada in June 2016, has previously worked for online security and privacy company F-Secure, vulnerability research and management company Secunia, and software asset management company Flexera Software. He brings a senior leadership background, and strong technical skills in computer security, malware research, vulnerability research, and cloud computing.

Focus on the business, capabilities and products

"Omada has a lot of potential. I am excited to join the team and to be given the opportunity to play a role in realizing the company vision and ambitions, and contribute to devising and executing the strategy," said Santeri Kangas about his new role, and continued:

"My main focus will be to further productize the impressive set of capabilities and services present in the solutions and organization, and to form the right strategic partnerships to enhance our offerings. Omada has a strong, documented and unique tradition for understanding and solving our customers' business problems and turning the knowledge into best-practice. One of my most important tasks will be to further adapt the best-practice learnings into scalable capabilities in Omada's standard products."

Santeri Kangas also highlights Omada's position in [Gartner's Magic Quadrant](#) for identity governance and administration, and identifies the frameworks for the space, as defined in Gartner, EU GDPR, OECD, and ISO 27002, as central reference points for the development of Omada's offerings.

IAM is a baseline security practice

Santeri Kangas' strong IT security profile corresponds with the direction the identity management and access governance space is moving in. The increased awareness of identity management as a foundation for corporate security is a trend that Omada is [already benefitting](#) from.

Additional business drivers are the increasingly strict regulations set up by international and local legislative bodies and in industry standards, requiring organizations to control and document data access. Organizations who are out of compliance incur heavy fines. Essentially, getting identity management and access governance in place in organizations is a platform that is catching fire, and businesses are becoming increasingly aware of it.

"Identity management truly is that baseline security practice that other security practices build on," stated Santeri Kangas. "Ultimately, IT security is about ensuring that only the right people have access to data. Controlling data access is the protective measure against a multitude of security threats - from insider leaks to hacker attacks, over common negligence leading to unintentional exposure of personal data. In fact, it is significantly easier to gain access to confidential information through user accounts that are stolen or otherwise acquired, than through "hard hacks" which require far more skill, effort and planning. So from a security perspective, for an organization to mismanage user accounts and privileges is comparable to leaving all its keys in a big pile in the middle of the street," he concluded.

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