



77% of Virtualization Users Find Traditional Log Management Systems Insecure
Industry raises issue about PCI, HIPAA and Sarbanes Oxley Compliance

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PLANO, TX – TDI and Virtualization Review held a web conference on July 22nd attended by over 500 firms using virtualization. The web meeting polled the users with the following question:

“Are you aware that traditional log management systems cannot log events in a virtual system?”

Yes	77.3%
No	22.7%

“This finding is in many ways not surprising,” said Bill Johnson, CEO of TDI (www.tditx.com). “Most leading firms using virtualization understand that traditional log management systems like Arcsight, LogLogic, NetIQ and others were built for a different age and cannot log and manage all events in the physical infrastructure much less the virtualized environment.”

Virtual systems have very different challenges from traditional systems. They can move around environments, they can be brought up and taken down very quickly without the security systems knowing they are there.

One of the major issues virtual systems present is their requirement that no agents be placed on the hypervisor, the operating system for virtual systems. Agents are intrusive causing a multitude of problems from invalidating a warranty to requiring major configuration work when placed on hundreds of servers.

This finding that over 77% of virtualization users understand that traditional log management systems cannot log all the events in a virtual environment has significant implications regarding HIPAA, Sarbanes Oxley and PCI compliance.

These regulations require that all access to patient data, customer data, credit card data be secured at all times, including when systems have been virtualized. Bill Johnson added: “HIPAA, PCI and SOX require that systems be logged and audited at all times and in all states, including the virtual. Clearly the industry has spoken that traditional log managers are coming up short. Their customers do indeed have a problem.”

TDI has published a whitepaper on the issues with virtualization security and logging. It is available at: www.tditx.com. In the paper, TDI notes some of the problems with virtual logging and how customers can solve this pressing problem.

About TDI -- For 15 years TDI pioneered, patented, developed and deployed a family of ‘agentless’ technologies based on the ‘Outside In’ infrastructure and security management paradigm for failure-intolerant, high security customers such as The National Security Agency, The United States Army, Bank of America, Pfizer, Verizon, and the European Space Agency. TDI has over 270 customers with 3,200 installations.

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