

achelos and the Windhoff Group announce IT security partnership

The IT service provider and IT security expert combine
their expertise and target synergy effects



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Two strong partners for IT security

The Windhoff Group and achelos combine their IT security expertise | Image: canva/achelos

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IT security and related issues are often given too little attention or only addressed too late. This can have negative economic consequences for projects. In the worst-case scenario, the market launch of a product can even be delayed quite considerably. To ensure that it does not come to this, achelos GmbH and the Windhoff Group are now working together to offer powerful solutions.

Rise in internet connections

Marcus Bierhaus, Head of Project Management at the Windhoff Group, explains what this involves: "The keywords here are 'Internet of Things' (IoT) and 'Cloud Computing'. New products or services are increasingly being networked via the Internet, along with their respective features, and are able to communicate with one another. This includes connections to cloud systems and much more. Just consider the range of

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applications that already exist today, for example in the so-called smart home segment." Security regulations and standards are repeatedly sidelined during product development.

"However, data and information protection should ideally be incorporated right from the outset. Otherwise, this can lead to unnecessarily costly reworking if the worst were to occur. Set against this background, we offer methodological support in the field of risk management, as well as IT security analyses. With achelos as cooperation partner for technical consulting and application, 360-degree solutions are being created for this throughout the entire development process."

Attractive solution packages offered

achelos can certainly be considered a pioneer when it comes to IT security in connection with IoT. Indeed, Carola Schwarzenberg, member of the management team and responsible for Strategic Sales at achelos, is impressed by the attractiveness of the solution package the two enterprises have developed together: "Manufacturers are today facing stricter requirements when it comes to IT security. Processes, in particular those in the manufacturing sector, and industries considered part of critical infrastructures (KRITIS), are increasingly being automated. The technologies being employed here and the transition to the cloud require increased availability, integrity, and confidentiality. We help our customers meet legal and individual security requirements with stable, sustainable solutions. Our offering here ranges from consulting, through "security by design" in our development process, all the way up to high-performance customer solutions. Together with our partner, the Windhoff Group, we offer companies integrative support right from the outset."

The cooperation is set to enjoy an ever-higher profile over the coming weeks. Further related measures are also in planning.

You can find more information on project management in the Windhoff Group [here](#).

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About the Windhoff Group

Developing. Projects. Together. The Windhoff Group, which has its HQ in the Northwest German municipality of Gescher, has been supporting both mid-sized and large customers across all industries as an IT service provider since 1997. Over 250 employees at 12 locations throughout Germany ensure successful implementation of IT projects. The key priorities are SAP Business Intelligence, software engineering and project management. Here, the Business Unit Project Management focuses on project management offices (PMOs), project management, as well as process and quality management. The management team comprises Markus Brünen (spokesman), Jürgen Kemp, Carsten Reinecke, Nobert Sundermann and Patrick Thörner.

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About achelos GmbH

achelos GmbH is a manufacturer-independent software development and consulting company based in Paderborn. Founded in 2008, the technology expert develops and operates highly specialized products, solutions and services that meet international security standards. In addition to general security-related topics, achelos focuses on global industry solutions in the Health, Mobility, Public and IoT segments. The company offers an extensive portfolio and expert knowledge in the areas of test tools and Testing as a Service (TaaS), and certification.

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