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VaultletSoft Stands with Human Rights Defenders in Announcing “Project Autonomy”

For some people, choosing to use secure email can make the difference between safely and successfully defending Human Rights or ending up out of work, ostracized, jailed, tortured, or worse.

It would seem obvious that Human Rights Defenders should be using secure email for all of their important work. The problem is that, in many cases, there is no easy to use software available for them to use in their native language. As a result, many conduct their business in the very public “town square” of the internet, where any and all communications may be monitored and acted upon by those who would silence them and interfere with their important work.

In order to address this problem, VaultletSoft has decided to announce the kickoff of an international initiative aimed at creating an easily translated Open Source version of their “VaultletSuite 2 Go” software.

Washington, D.C., December 10, 2009 – VaultletSoft has decided to show its solidarity with Human Rights Defenders worldwide on this day by announcing the kickoff of “Project Autonomy” whose goals will be two fold: 1) Provide and maintain the technical infrastructure necessary to facilitate free and/or low-cost and easy to use secure communication (email, chat, etc.) between Human Rights Defenders (HRDs), their colleagues and parent organizations, journalists and other interested parties. 2) Create and maintain localized and localizable versions of this software such that any and all interested users and participants may use this software in the language of their choice.

In order to accomplish this, VaultletSoft will release a Open Source* version of what is currently called “VaultletSuite 2 Go, v2.9”. This Open Source version should be published for the first time in the Spring of 2010, once sufficient organizational preparation has been achieved and v3.0 of the VaultletSuite 2 Go has been developed. In order to better support “Project Autonomy”, VaultletSoft Inc. will spin off its Human Rights and NGO activities into an independent non-profit entity called “Valeso.org”. This name is a contraction of VaultletSoft with the addition of the “.org” domain suffix which denotes its non-profit orientation.

VaultletSoft's President, R. P. Ruiz, calls for all those with translation, cross-cultural organization, and technical skills to:

“...roll up their sleeves and support the important, and often dangerous, work of Human Rights Defenders world wide by actively participating in Project Autonomy”. Indeed, a number of important international organizations and individuals have already thrown their support behind Project Autonomy.”

For additional information on “Project Autonomy”, visit www.vaultletsoft.com/about/project-autonomy.html, or contact R. P. Ruiz directly ([r.p.ruiz \[AT\] vaultletsoft.com](mailto:r.p.ruiz@vaultletsoft.com)).

* Since its inception, VaultletSoft has provided a free version of the VaultletSuite 2 Go for use by Human Rights Defenders, NGOs, educational institutions, and journalists. VaultletSoft's encryption source code is published under an LGPL license, while its VaultletSuite 2 Go source code is available for review by 3rd parties and business licensees.

ABOUT VaultletSoft – VaultletSoft Inc. was founded in 2006 by R. P. Ruiz, and exists to make it easy for individuals and organizations to protect and control their valuable information. VaultletSoft is the creator of the “VaultletSuite 2 Go”, which employs industrial strength Open Source cryptography to provide one-click protection for your email, passwords and files in a portable, multilingual package on Windows, OS X, Linux and Solaris. VaultletSoft: Your bytes are your business. Our business is keeping it that way. Website: <https://www.vaultletsoft.com>

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