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Aventail Corp. last week introduced the Aventail ExtraNet Center 3.0. This client/server package provides access controls, user-based authentication and key-certificate management and active filtering for business partners and suppliers who communicate over the Internet. The Aventail ExtraNet Center, which starts at \$7,995, is available for Windows NT 4.0, Linux 2.X, and Unix platforms from Digital, Sun and Hewlett-Packard. Aventail: (206) 215-1111

=09 John Manley, Canadian Minister of Industry, recently announced the government of Canada wants to make it easier to export products with encryption features in order to encourage electronic commerce. Canada will streamline export procedures with a one-time review process for even the strongest encryption, without requiring key-recovery features. More information is available at the Canadian government's Web site at <http://info.ic.gc.ca/cmb/welcomeic.nsf/Pages/releasefr.htm>.

IBM has released the beta of its HotMedia Web multimedia toolkit, a set of Java applets and assembly tools that let Web developers add sound and video clips to Web presentations. IBM is integrating HotMedia into the IBM electronic commerce server, net.commerce. Several other electronic catalog companies, including iCat, InterShop and Open Market, are beta-testing HotMedia with an eye toward the same goal. Now available for free download at w.software.ibm.com/netmedia, HotMedia will have a licensing fee when it formally ships by year-end.

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