



## Press Release

### Dr Vladas Leonas appointed CTO of ac3

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The Australian Centre of Advanced Computing and Communications (**ac3**) has appointed Dr Vladas Leonas as Chief Technology Officer.

Dr Leonas has had a long and distinguished career in Information Technology and Telecommunications in research, government and in industry.

Most recently Dr Leonas was the CIO at the NSW Dept of Public Works and Services, where he was responsible for the development and implementation of IT strategy, as well as the finalisation of the Department's ERP implementation. Prior to that he held various senior positions in Telstra, in Convergent Business Systems, Payphone and Card Services, and in Telstra R&D (formerly OTC R&D).

"We are delighted to have Vladas join us as CTO", said Dr Philip McCrea, CEO of **ac3**. "He brings a wealth of technical and management experience from which **ac3** will benefit enormously."

Dr Leonas is an acclaimed world expert in smart cards, and was rated in a recent Nilson Report as being among "the twenty-four individuals that currently have the greatest influence on the future of the smart card industry worldwide." He also has a strong academic background from the Academy of Sciences in the USSR, with over fifty publications to his credit.

#### About **ac3**

**ac3** was established by the NSW State Government in 2000 with seed funding of \$12M, as well as cash and in-kind contributions of \$9M from 8 NSW-based Universities. The company operates three state-of-the art supercomputers in its secure data centre at the Australian Technology Park at Redfern.

**ac3's** commercial interests focus on financial services and government. **ac3** provides banks with a superior platform for risk modelling. Government business is primarily based on managed co-location services.

**ac3** also provides researchers in its shareholder universities with access to supercomputing power, and also serves as the New South Wales partner in APAC, the Australian Partnership for Advanced Computing.

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