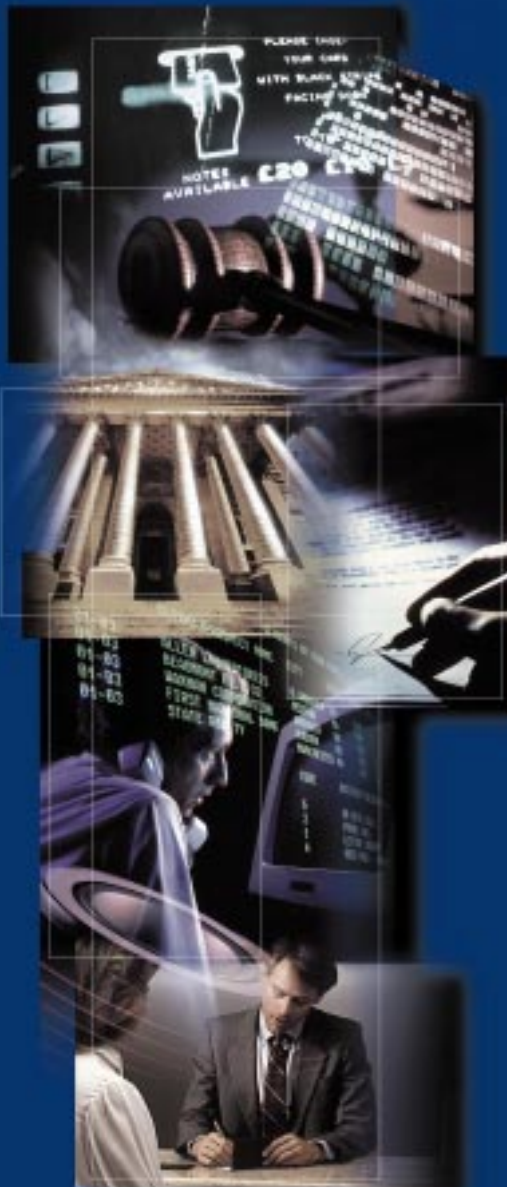


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Electronic commerce, a forerunner of the Information Society, is experiencing tremendous growth over the Internet.

In the traditional marketplace, every operation apart from the exchange of physical goods and services is based on information. As a result, offers, brokerage, negotiations, orders, contracts, payments, documents, receipts and the resolution of disputes are all ideally suited for the global electronic marketplace. Their acceptance depends on this new marketplace being secure, open to everyone, easy to use, and legally predictable.

The SEMPER project addresses the security needs of the developing global electronic marketplace by building an open and generic security architecture, independent of specific hardware, software, and networks. It is developing a security prototype to be trialed at various European sites, demonstrating secure channels, signed offers and orders, multiple types of payments, notary services (e.g. contracts, certified mail), privacy and the resolution of disputes.

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