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My main interest lies in creating a high quality, secure and stable software solution, usable according to the protocol described in previous sections, embedded in a comprehensive security framework based on a thorough threat analysis, part of which has also been presented in previous chapters.

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Wedel, 08/08/11
       Prof.Dr. Michael Anders
       (digitally signed)