



WatchGuard Announces New Capabilities for Network and Content Security Product Lines

Latest WatchGuard Appliance Operating Systems Improve Speed, Functionality and Protection

21 June 2010: WatchGuard® Technologies has unveiled new operating system updates for its latest extensible threat management (XTM) and extensible content security (XCS) appliances. The new OS releases are the foundation for WatchGuard's innovative cloud-based security service, Reputation Enabled Defence, and provide a host of new capabilities that deliver increased speed, improved functionality and better protection.

"IT threats continue to become more sophisticated and pernicious," said Eric Aarrestad, Vice President of Marketing at WatchGuard Technologies. "With these latest security software releases, customers get breakthrough cloud-based security protection coupled with rich reporting and management features, all optimised to keep business networks, applications and data safe from today's viruses, hackers, malware and botnets."

With the new software releases, XTM and XCS product lines can utilise WatchGuard's new cloud-based security service, Reputation Enabled Defence, which provides highly secure web browsing via a cloud-based reputation lookup that scores URLs as good, bad or unknown. URLs with bad reputations are immediately blocked, while URLs with unknown reputations are scanned by WatchGuard XTM or XCS appliances to ensure that they are malware free; and URLs with good reputations are accelerated through the appliances. This significantly boosts web traffic performance over the network while keeping employees safe from drive-by-downloads and other web-based attacks.

Additionally, WatchGuard XTM 5, 8 and 10 series appliances receive a proxy performance boost, giving increased data throughput with more proxy connections without sacrificing security. This provides even greater performance per appliance for large-scale deployments.

For smaller deployments, WatchGuard has enhanced the XTM 2 Series to include a wireless small office hot spot that simplifies the process of creating and customising safe and secure wireless guest access. And for branch offices the XTM 2 series now has dynamic routing, which provides even greater network flexibility, especially in distributed enterprise/branch office environments.

New management features for the XTM series include web services APIs to automate updates to third party reporting systems; USB back-up and restore capabilities to simplify recovery; and other ease of use features, such as policy ordering and transparent access to archived logs. And adding to the global appeal of WatchGuard XTM appliances, the new OS upgrade provides localised support in Spanish, French, Chinese and Japanese.

WatchGuard XCS content security appliances also receive substantive improvements to include stronger security, faster performance and improved management and reporting features. In addition to Reputation Enabled Defence, the XCS family gains stronger data loss prevention capabilities along with enhanced protection against spam and other messaging threats. Enhanced anti-virus scanning also increases overall XCS system performance, which further extends WatchGuard's price/performance lead for web and messaging threat protection. Enhanced reporting, analysis, attachment control and dashboards all add to the improved management and reporting features, giving administrators more visibility into their network and control. And new wizard changes make XCS deployments more efficient and foolproof.

The new WatchGuard XTM and XCS upgrades are available now free of charge. More information about WatchGuard is available at www.WatchGuard.com.

About WatchGuard Technologies, Inc.

Since 1996, WatchGuard® Technologies, Inc. has been the advanced technology leader of business security solutions, providing mission-critical protection to hundreds of thousands of businesses worldwide. The WatchGuard family of wired and wireless unified threat management appliances, messaging, content security and SSL VPN remote access solutions provide extensible network, application and data protection, as well as unparalleled network visibility, management and control.

WatchGuard products are backed by WatchGuard LiveSecurity® Service, an innovative support, maintenance, and education program. WatchGuard is headquartered in Seattle and has offices serving North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, and Latin America. To learn more, visit <http://www.watchguard.com/>.

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