



WatchGuard Debuts New High-Performance Security Appliance

WatchGuard XTM 8 Series protects businesses against next generation network, application and data threats

19 October 2009 – WatchGuard® Technologies, a global leader of business security and connectivity solutions, today launched a new multifunction security appliance - the WatchGuard XTM 8 Series, which provides unmatched performance and protection against the next generation of network, application and data threats.

“Now more than ever businesses look to multifunction security appliances to keep their networks, applications and data safe,” said Eric Aarrestad, Vice President of Marketing, WatchGuard Technologies. “The WatchGuard XTM 8 Series provides an unmatched combination of high-performance, high-security, flexibility and scalability for today’s business needs.”

Built for speed, the WatchGuard XTM 8 Series delivers 5Gbps firewall throughput, making it ideal for demanding networks of 1,000 to 5,000 users. With full security features activated, the XTM 8 Series achieves a faster-than-line-speed 1.2Gbps throughput, which represents a major leap forward for unified threat management appliances in delivering high security without compromising network performance.

Leveraging WatchGuard’s “defence-in-depth” firewall technology, which includes stateful packet inspection, deep packet inspection and WatchGuard’s proprietary proxy technology, the XTM 8 Series harnesses the latest security technologies to protect business networks. With its built in application proxies, the WatchGuard XTM 8 Series natively stops a myriad of blended threats, fragmented and malformed packet attacks, spyware, malware, denial of service and many other types of threats and attacks.

Powered by WatchGuard Fireware XTM - Forging High Security with High Performance

The WatchGuard XTM 8 Series takes full advantage of the latest WatchGuard operating system, Fireware XTM, which defends networks by utilizing innovative security features, including full HTTPS inspection, VoIP security, and IM and Peer-to-Peer (P2P) application blocking. With Fireware XTM, the WatchGuard XTM 8 Series integrates advanced networking capabilities, including clustering, load-balancing and other enterprise-class networking features. Additionally, the XTM 8 Series extends management capabilities by providing role-based access control (RBAC), centralized multi-box management and enhanced reporting functions.

The WatchGuard XTM 8 Series offers unique protection against threats that attempt to hide in encrypted HTTPS data streams. By way of WatchGuard's HTTPS proxy technology that intercepts, scans and rebuilds HTTPS data streams, administrators can now accurately audit, report and protect users from receiving dangerous file types.

With a projected annual growth rate of more than 20 percent, VoIP represents an equally fast growing threat vector in corporate networks. Because of this, threats such as DoS attacks on VoIP networks, directory harvesting, and "vishing" attacks are rapidly increasing in popularity.

Unlike some UTM solutions that merely provide network address translation to obscure a VoIP system, the WatchGuard XTM 8 Series provides application-level security for SIP and H.323 protocols. These security capabilities conceal business VoIP systems and simultaneously harden them to repel directory harvesting attacks, input validation hacks (buffer overflows), and other VoIP threats.

Botnets – hijacked computers containing malware applications – are also major concerns and liabilities for today's businesses. Because many botnets use the same protocols used for legitimate business applications, such as instant messaging, administrators are faced with limited options – eliminate IM or risk botnet infection, loss of resources and control.

With the WatchGuard XTM 8 Series, administrators have both the convenience of IM and the protection from botnets. The appliances provide application inspection as well as port and protocol identification to ensure application traffic is valid and safe. Additionally, the WatchGuard HTTPS inspection works in tandem with IM and P2P application blocking, which foils even those bots that use encryption to evade detection.

Because every network is unique and requires different capabilities, WatchGuard designed the XTM 8 Series for maximum network flexibility. This includes support for transparent mode, HTTP redirection for support of caching proxy servers, multicast support over VPN tunnels, NAT over branch office VPN, and the ability to assign multiple VLANs on external interfaces.

With powerful defence-in-depth security, multi-WAN failover, load-balancing, high-availability and model upgradeability, the new WatchGuard XTM 8 Series provides businesses with a pragmatic solution for maximum uptime, performance and reliability.

Pricing and Availability

The WatchGuard XTM 8 Series is comprised of three models: the WatchGuard XTM 810, XTM 820 and XTM 830. They will be available Q4, 2009. Pricing for the WatchGuard XTM 810 is \$11.235; the XTM 820 is \$13.855; and the XTM 830 is \$16.935 including one year LiveSecurity. More information is available at www.watchguard.co.uk

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 and SSL VPN remote access solutions provide extensible network, application and data security, 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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