



## **WatchGuard Teams with AVG for Anti-Virus Protection**

### ***WatchGuard Selects AVG for Gateway Anti-Virus Solution for its Multifunction Firewall Appliances***

2 November 2009 – WatchGuard® Technologies, a global leader of business security and connectivity solutions, today announced that it is teaming with AVG Technologies, a global leader of consumer and commercial internet security software and technology, to provide WatchGuard unified threat management (UTM) customers with comprehensive and cutting-edge anti-virus protection.

“Viruses and other forms of malware are among the leading causes of lost data, corrupted PCs, damaged applications and loss of productivity,” said Tim Helming, Director of Product Management, WatchGuard Technologies. “WatchGuard selected AVG so that our customers would have a no-compromise gateway anti-virus solution to best protect their networks, applications and data.”

Recently, analysts have reported that as much as 60 percent of corporate data resides on unprotected desktops and laptops; and on average, these businesses are hit with approximately 113 viruses per month for every 1,000 PCs owned. Therefore, by having anti-virus capabilities at the gateway, businesses can dramatically reduce PC infection rates before individual end-user computers can be infected within their networks.

Additionally, WatchGuard and AVG point out that anti-virus protection is only as good as the latest software update. A recent IT survey showed that only 73 percent of users update their virus definition files regularly. With WatchGuard and AVG, businesses automatically obtain immediate virus definition updates so that protection is always as current as possible.

“With more than 80 million PCs protected worldwide, AVG has thought leadership in protecting consumers and businesses, and their assets, from pernicious viruses,” said J.R. Smith, CEO, AVG Technologies. “By teaming up with AVG, WatchGuard can make its UTM offerings, with AVG inside, more effective at keeping businesses safe and secure.”

### **WatchGuard Solutions with AVG - The Ultimate in Defence-in-Depth Protection**

All WatchGuard Firebox and XTM multifunction firewalls have the ability to deliver high-speed deep packet inspection, stateful packet inspection and proxy-based protection. This creates the optimal foundation for a defence-in-depth security architecture. Adding to this, WatchGuard provides gateway anti-virus for businesses that want to foster a virus-free work environment right from the entry point of the network.

The AVG engine uses a combination of known virus detection and heuristic analysis to scan email and web traffic at the gateway. This provides front-line defence and protection against viruses, worms, spyware, rogueware and trojans.

SMTP and POP3 traffic is scanned at the gateway to stop threats before they infiltrate network resources, such as servers or other computers. Suspect email can be flagged and sent into quarantine, where an administrator can restrict access or allow users to review quarantined files through automatic email alerts. Compressed and encoded files attached to emails can be decompressed for inspection, with comprehensive support for popular compression types, including ZIP, TAR and GZIP.

### **Pricing and Availability**

AVG gateway anti-virus protection is available now as an optional security subscription on all new WatchGuard unified threat management appliances that utilize the WatchGuard Fireware XTM operating system. WatchGuard gateway anti-virus service starts at U.S. \$150 per year with no per user license fee limitation (UK price based on current exchange rates). More information is available at [www.watchguard.com](http://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 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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