

SECUREDwire Launches Industry-First Security Software

Australian security systems integrator SECUREDwire, has launched the latest release of ForeScout Technologies' network access control software, CounterACT on to the local market.

SECUREDwire is already implementing the software for one large company in Australia which needs to see all devices attached to its network to ensure the system can detect all possible vulnerabilities.

CounterACT 6.0 from ForeScout technologies is only available in Australia from Sydney-based SECUREDwire. Andrew Phillips, Sales Director of SECUREDwire, said CounterACT 6.0 offered capabilities and simplified implementation not available in competitive products resulting in a better opportunity for the software to protect Australian businesses against devastating computer virus and worm attacks.

"For example," said Mr Phillips, "CounterACT 6.0 is the only clientless NAC software running on all major operating systems - MacOS, Unix and Windows. And because it does not require a client on the end device the software is easier to install and manage across the network."

CounterACT 6.0 also offers:

Universal discovery - it can detect all devices connected to the network from PalmPilots to computers to scanners so managers can fully map the network and be aware of points of vulnerability;

End-point x-ray - the software can immediately check any devices being connected to the network to confirm it is allowed on the network and that it does not have any worms or viruses or applications prone to such attacks, and then act appropriately; and

Tailored access - the software offers a multi-tree policy which enables network and security managers to assign different levels of access to different types of users.

"In addition CounterACT is non-disruptive, i.e. it performs its functions transparently to the end users, so productivity is not effected," said Mr Phillips.

Product Background

ForeScout Delivers Enterprise Grade NAC

- CounterACT Enhancements and New NAC Models Meet the Enterprise Demand for Global Scalability and Granular Access Control

CUPERTINO, California, September 25, 2006 -- ForeScout Technologies, a provider of tailored network access control (NAC) for enterprises, today announced the release of CounterACT 6.0 and the addition of two new products to the CounterACT family. With this announcement, ForeScout responds to the demand of its enterprise customers to meet the need to rapidly deploy NAC globally as well as gain granular control over all devices entering or connected to the enterprise network. By meeting the availability, scalability, and access control demands of the world's largest organisations, the newly upgraded CounterACT family delivers Enterprise Grade NAC.

With this upgrade, CounterACT is the industry's first NAC solution with a built-in application termination function which enables administrators to automatically stop high risk applications (such as peer-to-peer applications) that can cause significant security risks to the network. Also included in this release is the ability to deeply inspect Macintosh devices, highly customizable and simplified policy creation, a high availability feature offering complete redundancy and protection in the event of a failure and a set of advanced reporting features for ease of management.

"With the new release, ForeScout is truly meeting the NAC demand of global organisations like ours," said Kenneth Corriveau CIO, Omnicom Media Group. "CounterACT 6.0 enables greater application level enforcement and provides more automatic remediation options, which even further tightens the security we already enjoyed with CounterACT. Add to that the fact that ForeScout simplifies policy creation and is easy to deploy and you've got a must-evaluate product."

Coupled with the release of CounterACT 6.0, ForeScout is introducing two new appliances: CounterACT CT-R appliance, which supports branch offices with fewer than 50 devices, and the CT-2000, which supports up to 2,500 devices for deployment at larger scale enterprises. This expands the company's current appliance portfolio, which includes the CT-100 that supports up to 250 devices and the CT-1000 which supports up to 1000 devices. The new appliances have been introduced to help global customers create a NAC solution with appropriate appliances that fit perfectly into each location.

"NAC is becoming a critical component of network infrastructure for companies of all types and sizes. It is a technology with broad appeal, but in order for it to be broadly deployable it needs to have a good cost structure, be easy to deploy and easy to maintain," said Jeff Wilson, principal analyst, Infonetics Research, Inc. "ForeScout's CounterACT solutions meet the requirements for broad deployability."

Enterprise Grade Access Control

A key factor to the success of the NAC technology is its ability to provide appropriate access to devices that comply with corporate security policies and ensure all devices remain compliant post-connection. CounterACT 6.0 builds on its policy engine, which currently delivers pre- and post-connection NAC, to provide functionality required by global customers. This functionality includes:

Remote Application Termination -- CounterACT is the industry's first NAC solution with a built-in application termination function, which allows

administrators to automatically stop high risk applications (such as peer-to-peer applications) that can cause significant security risks to the network. Additionally, administrators can audit current processes running on connected devices, and where necessary, turn off barred applications. When audits are complete, all information can be quickly referenced from the CounterACT Enterprise Manager on the administrator's desktop, which provides real-time policy compliance status of the entire network.

Integration with Microsoft's System Management Server (SMS) -- Integration with SMS provides CounterACT the ability to trigger remediation via the SMS server automating remediation and patch management.

Deep Interrogation of Macintosh Devices -- CounterACT 6.0 continues to build on its strength as a clientless solution to extend the ability to perform deep interrogation of Macintosh-based devices, enabling deep compliance checks on any device running MAC OS without the need for any downloaded code.

Multi-conditional policy creation -- This feature, which provides additional enterprise policy flexibility and granularity, simplifies the rule creation process and allows multiple condition variables, enabling the customization of every policy so that every organisational demand is met.

Global Scalability/High Availability

CounterACT 6.0 includes several global scalability features, including:

High Availability (HA) -- CounterACT 6.0 provides the ability to pair an additional CounterACT appliance with the primary appliance in active-active configuration. The HA unit actively monitors the health of the primary appliance, and if a failure occurs in the primary appliance, the HA unit will assume all configuration and policy settings providing complete redundancy.

Streamlined Policy Deployment -- CounterACT 6.0 Enterprise Manager can push NAC policies and network tuning from a central location. As new CounterACT appliances are added to the global network, established network policies as well as any customer specific network settings can be imported from the Enterprise Manager, allowing for rapid global deployment.

Geographically-Based Policy Enforcement -- This allows administrators to customize the enforcement actions based on geographic location and notify users of policy violations in the area's native language.

Advanced Reporting Engine -- This provides the ability to conduct compliance trend and inventory reports, and it streamlines the logging and filtering of historical information.

About ForeScout

ForeScout's clientless network access control (NAC) solutions enable customers to gain complete control over network security without disrupting end-user productivity. ForeScout's flagship product, CounterACT, combines NAC and signature-less intrusion prevention in a single network appliance that interrogates and controls access of every device and seamlessly integrates with any existing IT infrastructure. ForeScout's NAC is completely transparent and enables enterprises to tailor enforcement to match the level of policy violations, eliminating disruptions during device interrogation. Today, Fortune 1000 corporations and government agencies have deployed ForeScout appliances globally to control access to their networks and resources, defend against hackers and self-propagating malware, and ensure business continuity. ForeScout's headquarters are located in Cupertino, California. More information can be found at www.forescout.com.

About SECUREDwire

SECUREDwire ANZ sells and supports a comprehensive range of Enterprise grade computer network solutions that are affordable, scalable, easy to implement and once installed are completely automatic. For more information please visit the company's web site at www.securedwire.com.au, call Tel: 02 9437 3380 or email info@securedwire.com.au

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