



WatchGuard Supercharges Performance to Mainstream Security Appliance Line

WatchGuard Firewall Appliances Provide Remote Kiosk Security and Credit/Debit Card Customer Data Protection

Sydney, 6 May 2009 - WatchGuard Technologies, a global leader in extensible network security and connectivity solutions, today announced that with their new Fireware XTM operating system, WatchGuard Firebox X Core 550 and 750 e-series security appliances will realise substantial system improvements for packet filter throughput and IPSEC VPN performance. This power boost gives administrators even greater ROI on their existing Core series investments, and for new customers, non-stop security for today's dynamic environments.

When running Fireware XTM, WatchGuard Firebox X Core 550e series performs packet filtering 33 percent faster and gains a whopping 470 percent boost to IPSEC VPN performance. The Firebox X Core 750e series likewise gains a 33 percent increase in packet filtering and provides an impressive 400 percent increase to IPSEC VPN.

"WatchGuard strives to give customers unbeatable network security and unrivaled return on investment," said Scott Robertson, Regional Director ANZ, WatchGuard Technologies. "Hackers, identity thefts and other cyber-criminals prey on businesses that fail to maintain their security. Because of this, WatchGuard went to great lengths to increase the performance of our mainstream Core series so that budget-conscious businesses would have best in class security and high performance without having to spend an additional dime."

The Firebox Core 550 and 750 power boost is a free online appliance upgrade available to customers with current LiveSecurity service. It will be available next month, along with WatchGuard Fireware XTM.

WatchGuard Firebox X Core Series – Ultimate Security for Growing Businesses

Ideal for small to medium sized businesses, as well as mid-market enterprise organisations, the WatchGuard Firebox X Core series provide the best performance and most complete security in their class, integrating built-in zero day protection with robust security subscriptions for an unbeatable combination of network defence capabilities.

Powerful, yet easy to configure and manage, the Firebox Core series integrate a powerful combination of application proxy firewall, VPN, intrusion prevention, gateway anti-virus, anti-spyware, anti-spam, and URL filtering into a single appliance for comprehensive defences, reducing the time and cost associated with managing multiple point-solutions.

Unlike other security appliances, the WatchGuard Firebox Core series come pre-equipped with rich logging and reporting tools for free, right out of the box. This way, administrators gain much needed insight and awareness of network activities without having to purchase additional tools.

About WatchGuard Technologies, Inc.

Since 1996, WatchGuard Technologies, Inc. has been the advanced technology leader of network security solutions, providing mission-critical security to hundreds of thousands of businesses worldwide. The WatchGuard family of wired and wireless unified threat management appliances and WatchGuard SSL VPN remote access solutions provide extensible network security, 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 www.watchguard.com.