



WatchGuard Unleashes New Capabilities for Network and Content Security Product Lines

Latest WatchGuard Appliance Operating Systems Improve Speed, Functionality and Protection

Sydney – June 23, 2010 - WatchGuard Technologies, a global leader of business security solutions, today unveiled new operating system updates for all of their latest extensible threat management (XTM) and extensible content security (XCS) appliances. These new OS releases are the foundation to WatchGuard's innovative in-the-cloud security service, Reputation Enabled Defense, as well as provide for a myriad of new capabilities resulting in increased speed, improved functionality and better protection.

"IT threats continue to become more sophisticated and pernicious," said Scott Robertson, ANZ Regional Director, 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 the today's viruses, hackers, malware and botnets."

With today's new software releases, both WatchGuard lines of XTM and XCS products gain the ability to utilise and leverage WatchGuard's innovative, cloud-based security service, Reputation Enabled Defense. Reputation Enabled Defense allows for highly secure web browsing via a cloud-based reputation lookup that scores URLs as either good, bad or unknown. URLs with bad reputations are immediately blocked. 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 WatchGuard 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. This gives the appliances increased data throughput with more proxy connections without sacrificing security efficacy. This provides even greater performance per appliance for large-scale deployments.

For smaller deployments, WatchGuard enhances the XTM 2 Series to include a wireless small office hot spot. Ideal for small businesses, such as retail or professional services, this simplifies the process of creating and customising safe and secure wireless guest access. Further boosting the branch office appeal for the XTM 2 series, WatchGuard adds dynamic routing, which provides even greater network flexibility, especially in distributed enterprise/branch office environments.

Packing in more management features, the new OS updates for the XTM series include new web services APIs, which automates updates to third party reporting systems, USB back-up and restore capabilities to simplify recovery, and other ease of use management features, such as policy ordering and transparent access to archived logs.

Lastly, adding to the global appeal of WatchGuard XTM appliances, the new OS upgrade provides localised support in Spanish, French, Chinese and Japanese.

Like their XTM counterpart upgrades, the WatchGuard XCS appliances also receive substantive improvements to include stronger security, faster performance, and improved management and reporting features.

In addition to now having Reputation Enabled Defense, the WatchGuard family of XCS content security appliances gain stronger data loss prevention capabilities along with enhanced protection against spam and other messaging threats. As well, enhanced anti-virus scanning 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. Lastly, new wizard changes make XCS deployments more efficient and foolproof.

The new WatchGuard XTM and XCS upgrades are available now for free. 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 www.watchguard.com.