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Agile Software Deploys Fortinet Network Protection Gateways to Thwart ‘Malicious Content’ at Network Edge

Global Expansion Planned to Branch, Telecommuter Locations

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Oct. 22 2002 – Fortinet today announced that Agile Software, a leading product lifecycle management solutions provider, has deployed Fortinet’s FortiGate 300 Network Protection Gateways (NPGs) at the edge of its corporate network to further enhance its comprehensive security efforts to thwart ‘malicious content’ and other security breaches unchecked by conventional firewalls and host-based antivirus applications.

Through the deployment, Agile Software is further protecting its network against virus outbreaks and network intrusions. Although antivirus software had been installed on all Agile computers, they were potentially vulnerable to attacks, especially between updates from the company’s antivirus software vendor. After reviewing all of the available systems, Agile discovered that Fortinet's FortiGate NPGs can detect and stop viruses, worms and other attacks at the network edge, providing a critical layer of additional protection and reducing the company’s vulnerability without reducing connectivity or performance.

“The FortiGate units have helped Agile significantly reduce the risk of virus and worm outbreaks, which has become mission critical as we expand our network resources to meet our company’s growing global business needs,” said Francis Leong, systems

administrator at Agile Software. “In addition to scanning our email traffic in real time, the FortiGate units are powerful enough to screen Web traffic without any noticeable change in page download speeds. This eliminates a wide range of threats, including viruses that enter our networks from public, Web-based email systems. The added protection at the edge of our network is very important.”

While firewalls deal effectively with network-level attacks, they only screen data packet headers, not the actual contents. Since Agile viewed the most damaging and costly threats to its corporate network as those emanating from viruses, worms and network intrusions often carried deep inside data packets (undetectable by firewalls), a more stringent solution was required. Fortinet’s hardware-based gateways, which rely on an exclusive ASIC-chip based platform, were proven to be the most effective solutions available to actually block and reject threatening content from penetrating the Agile corporate network.

“Fortinet is pleased to provide Agile with a new level of network protection that after just a few months of operation has returned an ROI,” said Richard Kagan, vice president of marketing, Fortinet. “By preventing the spread of even a modest virus outbreak, Fortinet can save enterprises of all sizes hundreds of thousands of dollars in potential lost data, downtime and IT resources.”

The FortiGate NPGs are deployed behind routers at the edge of the Agile network and provide a real-time shield against threats, while also providing extra security protection layers such as augmented firewall, VPN, content filtering and traffic-shaping services.

About Agile Software

Agile Software Corporation provides product lifecycle management (PLM) solutions used by companies to build better, more profitable products faster. More than 800 customers use Agile solutions, including Metaldyne, Behr, Alps, Lennox, B/E Aerospace, Dell Computer, Flextronics International, FujiFilm, InFocus, International Paper, Juniper

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About Fortinet

Fortinet, the premier provider of network protection systems and the only ICSA-certified ASIC-based antivirus solution, enables enterprises and service providers to improve the security of their networks, reduce misuse and abuse, and better utilize network resources without compromising performance—at dramatically lower costs. Fortinet’s industry-leading FortiGate Series of NPGs breaks the Content Processing Barrier, delivering application-level services such as virus protection and content filtering along with firewall, VPN, intrusion detection, and traffic shaping functions as high-performance network services in dedicated, easily managed platforms. The FortiGate Series is powered by Fortinet’s patent-pending FortiASIC™ content processing engine, providing the first and only systems with ASIC-accelerated, network-based antivirus protection. Fortinet is privately held and based in Santa Clara, Calif. The company's web address is <http://www.fortinet.com>.

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