

## Press Release

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### **Florida Computer College Upgrades Network Protection with Fortinet**

*Multi-Site Rollout of FortiGate Network Protection Gateways for Antivirus, Firewall, VPN and Intrusion Detection Completed in Record Time*

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Oct. 15, 2002 – Fortinet, the premier provider of network protection systems and the only ICSA-certified ASIC-based antivirus solution, announced today that one of South Florida's largest and oldest computer training schools, Florida Computer College, has upgraded security for its administrative and student networks, and hosted applications, using Fortinet's FortiGate series of Network Protection Gateways (NPGs). The implementation, which serves a rapidly growing student population of over 1,600 students, was completed in a fraction of the originally allocated time.

Moving from a prior system based on a Cisco PIX firewall, the college has deployed one FortiGate 300 and one FortiGate 100 NPG at the main site, and two FortiGate 100s at each remote site – one for each of its separate administrative and student-accessed frame relay networks. In the future, the college will add an extensive IP phone network to its list of network-based applications, which will also be secured by the FortiGate systems.

"Only a comprehensive solution providing antivirus, firewall, VPN and network intrusion detection can deliver the results we need for a student base expected to double in the next year," said Joseph Vega, director of information technology, Florida Computer College. "We evaluated several other products and found that the Fortinet NPGs provided the most complete, integrated, cost-effective security systems available. We were also greatly impressed with how easy the systems were to install – we needed only a few hours out of the days we had reserved for an upgrade involving this number of security applications. Fortinet has really cracked the code on making it easy and affordable to implement comprehensive network protection."

Florida Computer College currently has three sites up and running (Miami, Pembroke Pines and West Palm Beach) with another opening soon in North Miami. Each site is equipped with two T1 frame relay links, one for the administrative network and one for the student network. An additional T1 was added to the Miami site to handle traffic for the hosted school administration application as well as the college's connection to the Internet.

"With a sophisticated network that supports everything from email to conferencing to hosted applications, Florida Computer College clearly practices what they teach," said Richard Kagan, vice president of marketing, Fortinet. "It's especially rewarding to be selected as the network protection vendor by an organization with such a hands-on, knowledgeable staff and such a broad array of applications."

The college, which trains its students for high-tech careers such as network and system administration, maintains a wide range of sophisticated network applications. These include hosting corporate Web, email and Microsoft Exchange conferencing servers (for distance learning), among others. In addition, Florida Computer College recently became an application service provider (ASP) and is hosting its own custom-designed, Web-based administration portal (handling registrar, financial and admissions applications) for other schools. Because the college's students and its network applications have become increasingly sophisticated, the administration also recognized that its window of vulnerability to threats will widen and security upgrades were required.

### **About Florida Computer College**

Florida Computer College has been specializing in computer training since 1982. Its programs are designed for individuals who want to succeed in the information technology careers available now and into the future. Florida Computer is an authorized training and testing center for many professional certifications in the computer industry. The college is a Microsoft IT Academy, Authorized CompTIA Training Provider and Authorized Prometric Testing Center. It is constantly upgrading hardware and software facilities to provide students with the best possible learning environment. The Miami-based company's web address is [www.floridacomputer.com](http://www.floridacomputer.com).

### **About Fortinet**

Fortinet 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, which serve 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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