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New Network Protection Gateway from Fortinet Provides Industry's Most Advanced Multi-Zone Security Solution

New FortiGate™ 500 NPG Delivers Industry's Highest Density and Price/Performance

Santa Clara, Calif., Sept. 4, 2002 — Fortinet, the premier provider of network protection systems and the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus solutions, today introduced the FortiGate 500 NPG, the newest model in Fortinet's breakthrough family of Network Protection Gateways that for the first time provides enterprises of all sizes with comprehensive protection against content-based threats emanating from within as well as outside their networks.

The powerful, multi-zone capabilities of the FortiGate 500 NPG enable organizations to segment their networks and establish custom-tailored security and content control policies on a zone-by-zone, department-by-department basis. The FortiGate 500 NPG also delivers new levels of density and price/performance, with 12 user-configurable 10/100 Ethernet ports in a single 1U high unit. The FortiGate 500 NPG is available immediately through Fortinet's global network of Authorized Distributors and Resellers.

“When it comes to network security, many organizations find that it no longer makes sense to think solely in terms of a single, clearly defined network edge,” said Ken Xie, founder and CEO of Fortinet. “In fact, the majority of network attacks originate from within organizations, where there are often no ‘edges’ in a conventional sense. With our new FortiGate 500 NPG, customers can now define and enforce policies that are appropriate for each of their varied constituencies and resources, such as remote offices, business partners, telecommuters, wireless LAN users – even individual departments and server farms. By providing this type of control with real-time

performance, Fortinet enables organizations to further break the barriers to effective network protection.”

A New Level of Multi-Zone Protection and Performance

The FortiGate 500 NPG is a multi-port, high-performance Network Protection Gateway designed to support enterprise and service provider applications. The FortiGate 500 NPG provides twelve user-configurable 10/100 Ethernet ports in a single 1U-high unit – an industry first – and handles 500 Mbps of firewall traffic. The multi-zone capabilities of the FortiGate 500 NPG enable ports to be assigned to security zones with unique policies. This enables, for example, a zone containing servers with finance and human resource applications to be accessed only by specific users, in specific zones, using a limited set of network protocols during business hours only. The multi-zone capabilities also support managed services and multi-tenant applications. Powered by Fortinet's FortiASIC™ CP-1 Content Processor, the FortiGate 500 NPG provides real-time performance for all network protection services, including application-level functions such as antivirus and content filtering, in addition to firewall, VPN, intrusion detection, and traffic shaping. Other applications for the FortiGate 500 NPG's multi-zone capabilities include:

- Connecting all users in the engineering department to a “Development” zone, placing all engineering servers in an “Engineering Servers” zone, and enabling traffic to the Engineering Servers zone only from the Development zone.
- Placing a special email server in a dedicated “Confidential Mail” zone for sensitive mail, and allowing access to the Confidential Mail zone only from the “Finance” and “Executives” zones – while scanning for viruses on all traffic in and out of the Confidential Mail zone in real time.

The FortiGate 500 NPG is the seventh member of the FortiGate family, which includes models targeted at SOHO users, branch offices, medium businesses, enterprises, and service providers. Additional features of the FortiGate 500 include:

- Integrated 20 G-byte hard drive for logging and reporting
- High-availability port for stateful fail-over

- Management via an intuitive, Web-based GUI

“To say that the FortiGate 500 NPG changes the way customers think about what a firewall should be isn’t the whole story because the FortiGate 500 is far, far beyond a firewall,” said Gary Berzack, managing director of Tribeca Technologies, a Fortinet reseller in Manhattan, New York. “The conventional firewall makers have been trying to deliver multi-zone segmentation to the market for some time, but they’ve never really delivered. With the FortiGate 500 NPG, we can segment and manage our customers’ networks in ways we have only dreamed of before. With the density of the unit, the cost per port simply blows everything else out of the water. And the fact that the FortiGate 500 NPG delivers its high performance and multi-zone abilities not just for firewall and VPN but also for application-layer services like antivirus – it’s nothing short of miraculous.”

Pricing and Availability

The FortiGate 500 NPG is available immediately from Fortinet’s global network of Authorized Distributors and Resellers, at a suggested base retail price of \$9,995.

About Fortinet

Fortinet, the premier provider of network protection systems, 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 Network Protection Gateways (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. Developed by proven industry visionaries, the FortiGate Series is powered by Fortinet’s patent-pending FortiASIC™ content processing engine, providing the first and only ICSA-certified systems with ASIC-accelerated, network-based antivirus protection and enabling the FortiGate Series to usher in a new era of network protection services. Fortinet is privately held and based in Santa Clara, Calif. The company's web address is <http://www.fortinet.com>.