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Fortinet Antivirus Firewall Products Nominated for SC Awards 2003

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Jan. 21, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that its FortiGate™ Series of security products has been nominated in *SC Magazine's* SC Awards 2003 honoring the best products of the year in such categories as firewall, antivirus, and Internet and network security.

SC Magazine, an industry-leading publication devoted to the business and art of information and computer security, is sponsoring the SC Awards 2003. The awards honoring the world's leading information security vendors are selected by *SC Magazine* readers and information security product users, IT professionals and by an independent judging panel.

"As organizations have moved increasingly to real-time means of communicating and interacting with customers, partners and employees, conventional security systems have not kept pace," said Richard Kagan, vice president of marketing at Fortinet.

"Participating in *SC Magazine's* respected awards competition for the year's best security products furthers our commitment to providing customers of all sizes with cost-effective, high-performance protection against the full range of costly, network-borne, content-based threats to their organizations. Our FortiGate systems provide a new approach for dealing with security and productivity threats in real time for small and medium-size businesses, and large-scale enterprises."

Online voting in the SC Awards 2003 begins Jan. 25 at the magazine's awards Web site accessible at: <http://www.westcoast.com/events/awards>.



About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls are the new generation of real-time network protection systems. They detect and eliminate the most damaging, content-based threats from email and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, inappropriate Web content and more in real time – without degrading network performance. The FortiGate systems deliver a full range of network-level services – firewall, VPN, intrusion detection and traffic shaping – as well as application-level services such as antivirus and content filtering, in dedicated, easily managed platforms. Fortinet is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.

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