

Fortinet FortiGate-300A Appliance

Summary: Offer your network protection against the Internet multi-purpose appliance that wins our Editor's Choice Award for value and protection.

Price: \$6,755

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Small to medium sized companies or enterprise-level branch offices that don't have the cash outlay to purchase several different appliances when making their network accessible to the Internet have the need for a reasonable product that can perform many jobs. The Fortinet FortiGate-300A appliance is a powerful unit that wears several different hats to offer gigabyte networks with a high level of security and it receives our Editor's Choice Award for value and protection.

We think you'll be surprised with total functionality of this appliance that offers a firewall, VPN, content filtering, a certain level of traffic prioritization, anti-spam, anti-virus and anti-spyware protection as well as intrusion detection and prevention. The use of the Fortinet's proprietary FortiOS operating system and FortiASIC Content Processor technology are tucked neatly in this appliance. They both provide the necessary technology to offer the high level of protection against most threats attempting to hack into corporate network environments.



This is an affordable and powerful jack-of-all-trades internet gateway appliance



The unit's firewall offers stateful packet inspection of incoming traffic monitoring the various layers of network traffic. This particular model can handle up to 1,500 dedicated IPSec-compliant tunnels concurrently which make it a power virtual private network product that can provide a VPN throughput of up to 120Mbps. Administrators can configure up to 5,000 policies with the FortiGate-300A which is more than enough for any sized operation. Both the intrusion features and web content filtering add extra security for content attempting to pass in and out of the network environment.

One of the other strongest points about this appliance is the protection it offers against viruses, spam, malware, phishing and other threats. The technology responsible for this is the company's FortiGuard Subscription Services. The company has a specific group of individuals that work everyday and at all hours searching for the latest threats that are occurring around the

world and then update the appliance on a constant basis. The best price we could find for this subscription was roughly \$1,600 per year.

The Fortinet FortiGate-300A connects to your network through 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet ports and has the capacity to provide support for dual WAN uplinks if you use a redundant Internet service provider connection. Installation is rather simple, configuration will take you some time depending on the number of implemented policies and the company does include detailed documentation on the various phases of the appliance's operations.

An Internet search found several different online resellers that carry this appliance with the best price found at \$6,755 for the FortiGate-300A model. Visit the company's web site to find out more about this product and its benefits at www.fortinet.com.

