

Diary of Events

Event: How to Coach and Motivate Staff for Peak Performance

Date: August 3 and 4

Venue: Grand Seasons Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
Organiser: Regal Solutions (Asia) Sdn Bhd
Contact: Lailah/Chris at Tel: 03-78756811

Event: Train the Trainer

Date: August 3 to 5

Venue: Kuala Lumpur
Organiser: Training.Org.My
Contact: Nazrol at Tel: 013-3583553
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Event: Inventory Management and Control – Operations, Tools, Techniques and Practices of World Class Companies

Date: August 5 and 6

Venue: Pan Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur
Organiser: Asia Pacific Diligence Sdn Bhd
Contact: Lee/Norhaidza/Florence at
Tel: 03-21626828 or visit www.asiapacificevents.com

Event: The Cycle of Leadership

Date: August 10

Venue: Menara Asia Life, Jalan Tun Razak, Kuala Lumpur
Organiser: FTM Consulting Services Sdn Bhd
Contact: Caroline/Lilian at Tel: 03-21623000

Event: Presentation Skills and Public Speaking

Date: August 11 and 12

Venue: Worldwide Business Park, Shah Alam
Organiser: Achievers Platform
Contact: Tana/Sheila at Tel: 03-55137933/55

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Boosting network security with real-time protection

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AS threats to corporate networks evolve beyond the capabilities of traditional network defences, Fortinet prides itself by being at the cutting-edge of real-time network protection.

F. Matthew Young III, Fortinet's vice president and general manager for Asia-Pacific, considers Malaysia as one of the key markets in network protection systems. "Companies here are forward-looking," he says.

Young says the company's application specific integrated circuit (ASIC)-powered anti-virus systems take a unique approach to architectural processing of application layer content, thus overcoming network delays that are common with software-based anti-virus systems.

The FortiGate line of anti-virus firewalls, with ASIC-based architecture, claims to avoid the limitations of conventional firewalls, virtual private network (VPN) gateways, software-based anti-virus and content filtering systems.

Young says as e-mail messages, file transfers, Web pages and VPN links are now used to introduce damaging viruses, worms and inappropriate content into data networks, traditional firewalls are powerless against these content-based threats, as they were not designed to analyse and process the application-level contents of network traffic.

The FortiGate platform provides real-time anti-virus protection at network speeds, he adds. It will also give continuous, automatic updates of the latest threats from the FortiProtect Network, including e-mail, file transfer and VPN traffic.

Comprehensive scanning and clearing of viruses, worms and malicious codes can be achieved without compromising performance.

HOTSPOTS RISKS

Wireless hotspots are inadvertently posing significant security risks, as unsuspecting corporate users who frequent these hotspots may infect their corporate networks with Trojans or viruses that could have been picked up at these hotspots.



Young: Acting against content-based threats.

Young says employees, especially those who work offsite, should be educated of the security threats posed by accessing wireless networks, even if they wrongly assume they are doing so securely.

"Multiple layers of security residing at the network gateway, on internal servers and on individual clients/endpoints are required to offer complete protection," he says.

Furthermore, companies should ensure that there is effective end point security on every user's corporate-issued laptop. Businesses should consider

making end point security software available for use on personal clients that might be used by employees to log into corporate networks.

Also, wireless anti-virus gateways and internal protection systems that check both e-mail and Web traffic at the edge of corporate networks can add additional layers of security.

WIRELESS SECURITY

Young offers the FortiWiFi Wireless Series as the answer to enterprise level security in wireless local area network (LAN) environments.

The FortiWiFi-60 provides secure mobile connectivity by combining a wireless access point with a complete suite of network security functions, including network-based anti-virus, firewall, content filtering, VPN, intrusion detection and prevention, and traffic shaping.

"These features work together to ensure that wireless users enjoy worry-free, high performance access without compromising the integrity of company networks," Young says. ☐