

Fortinet launches FortiGate-224B

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Provider of unified threat management (UTM) solutions Fortinet has announced FortiGate-224B, the first in a line of unified security and networking platforms that integrate multiple layers of threat protection with granular security access controls to help safeguard against both external and internal network threats without the need for multiple point solutions.



Richard Stiennon, Chief Marketing Officer, Fortinet

Designed to meet the disparate and expanding network access security needs of enterprises, the FortiGate-224B is a new class of high-performance LAN security devices that enforce internal security policies at the network access layer to blunt intrusion attempts, viruses, worms, denial-of-service attacks and blended threats at wire speed.

Richard Stiennon, chief marketing officer for Fortinet, said, "With internal threats rising, it is critical that enterprises get smarter about how they lock down their networks from the inside out. With combined full-featured LAN security and multi-threat protection of the FortiGate-224B, Our customers will be able to tackle the security and administration challenges

that typical NAC solutions claim to do - but fail."

The FortiGate-224B delivers clientless access security control that enforces network policies without requiring special end-user software agents. In addition, this new switch integrates comprehensive network and content protection through the integration of eight essential security applications and services - including antivirus, firewall, VPN, intrusion prevention (IPS), anti-spam, anti-spyware, Web filtering and traffic shaping.

The FortiGate-224B features 4.4 Gbps layer 2 switch performance, 150 Mbps firewall throughput, 24 x 10/100 switch ports, two 10/10/1000 switch ports and two 10/100 WAN ports. Customers can configure the FortiGate 224B to operate in a "strict" mode where all ports are initially managed in an un-trusted quarantine state, or in a "dynamic" mode in which all ports initially operate in a trusted network state. The strict mode redirects access attempts to a web portal where administrator-defined security checks are performed. Utilizing dynamic mode ports allows network access based on pre-established policies, until a threat or policy violation is detected. If a violation is detected, the port is reassigned and all traffic is restricted to a quarantined VLAN until the violation is remediated.

Like all FortiGate systems, the FortiGate-224B is kept up to date automatically by Fortinet's FortiGuard subscription services, which provide updates to help protect against the latest viruses, worms, Trojans, and other threats.