

Fortinet FortiMail Earns 12th Consecutive Virus Bulletin Antispam Award

Messaging Security Appliance Earns Comparative VBSpam Certification Based on Consistent Spam Catch Rate and Zero False Positives

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 05/16/11 -- Fortinet® (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a leading network security provider and the worldwide leader of <u>unified threat management</u> (UTM) solutions -- today announced the company's FortiMail^TMessaging security appliance has been awarded its 12th Virus Bulletin certification in the <u>VBSpam Awards</u>.

Virus Bulletin staff tested FortiMail along with 18 other <u>antispam</u> products from multiple countries for spam catch rates and false positive rates. The Virus Bulletin Report noted that Fortinet is a repeated award winner and that "FortiMail equaled last month's spam catch rate and once again achieved a zero false positive rate, giving it the same high final score as the previous test period."

This month, Virus Bulletin introduced new black- and whitelisting test into its benchmarking methodology, which evaluated the following four features:

- The possibility to whitelist email coming from a certain IP address.
- The possibility to blacklist email coming from a certain IP address
- The possibility to whitelist email based on the senders' domain
- The possibility to blacklist email based on the senders' domain

While not every network administrator prefers to use black- and whitelisting (if configured incorrectly, it could lead to many missed emails or to inboxes overflowing with spam), FortiMail gives administrators the option to enable or disable this feature. The report noted the same Web interface used to control FortiMail can also be used to configure both black- and whitelisting and "Setting it up and getting it to work presented few problems."

"Consistent high product performance and accuracy, coupled with low false positives, is critical to the credibility of any email security appliance," said Patrick Bedwell, vice president of product marketing for Fortinet. "We are pleased to learn that FortiMail has earned its 12th consecutive VBSpam certification."

The FortiMail family of messaging security appliances delivers proven, powerful messaging security for any size organization, from small businesses to carriers, services providers and large enterprises. Purpose-built for the most demanding messaging systems, the FortiMail appliances utilize Fortinet's years of experience in helping protect networks against spam, malware and other message borne threats.

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