



Ascent Consulting Services Secures Its New Data Center With Fortinet's FortiGate-ONE Software Security Solution

Combined HP ProCurve and Fortinet Solution Offers Scalability, Performance and Integrated Security to Outsourcing Company

SUNNYVALE, CA, Jun 22, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Fortinet(R) (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a leading network security provider and worldwide leader of unified threat management (UTM) solutions -- today announced that Ascent Consulting Services Pvt, Ltd, a pan-Indian technology and outsourcing company, has deployed Fortinet's FortiGate-ONE(TM) security software in its new data center to strengthen its global security infrastructure. The outsourcing company determined that the combined Fortinet/HP ProCurve solution was the preferred networking and security solution, in terms of integrated security, performance and scalability, for its new data center.

Offering management solutions for human resource, finance and legal compliance departments, Ascent has decided to set up a new data center to keep up with its fast-growing business. The data center was created to store confidential information belonging to Ascent's clients and to serve as the network security core center for the company's corporate network. The outsourcing company therefore looked at implementing a stronger and more comprehensive security infrastructure via a solution, which would provide key security functions such as intrusion prevention, Web content filtering, antispam, desktop security and application control. That integrated security solution would also have to be able to scale with the expansion of Ascent's operations.

After conducting a comparative analysis of the various solutions available on the market, including those from Cisco, Fortinet, Juniper, Nortel and SonicWall, Ascent chose the new Fortinet/HP ProCurve solution in Q1 2010.

"As we deal with sensitive data, including financial information coming from our customers, data integrity and privacy remain top priorities for us," said Narayana Bhat P., IT manager for Ascent. "To cope with the increase in data traffic in terms of volume and intensity, we needed to upgrade our security infrastructure and the combined Fortinet FortiGate-ONE solution deployed on a HP ProCurve chassis-based switch appeared to be the best option for high-level protection in a rapidly growing network environment."

The deployment of Fortinet's FortiGate-ONE appliance on the HP ProCurve platform took only one week and was done by FutureBizTech, Ascent's IT partner. Fortinet's FortiGate-ONE software is a security-hardened, purpose-built security solution for the HP ProCurve networking environment. FortiGate-ONE software enables ProCurve customers to deploy a single blade with integrated firewall, antivirus/antispyware, IPS, IPSec and SSL VPN, Web filtering, antispam, application control, data loss prevention and dynamic routing for IPv4 and IPv6.

"With the development of our FortiGate-ONE solution, our goal was to provide integrated, high-performance protection against dynamic security threats while simplifying the IT security infrastructure of enterprises and service providers," said Vishak Raman, Fortinet's regional director for SAARC. "We are pleased that Ascent has chosen Fortinet's solution for those exact reasons and I want to take that opportunity to highlight the strong partnership FutureBizTech has provided to achieve a highly successful deployment."

For additional information on Fortinet FortiGate-ONE software, please visit: <http://www.fortinet.com/products/fortigate/one.html>.

About Ascent (www.ascent-online.com) Ascent, a pan-Indian technology and outsourcing company, offers management solutions for human resource, finance and legal compliance departments. The range of tools they offer includes payroll, human resources, HR document management systems, labor law compliance, non-payroll expenses reimbursements and retrial trust management services. To date, more than 90,000 people use Ascent's solutions through a solid clientele base counting more than 100 customers, including companies such as Yahoo!, Thomson Reuters, SanDisk and Synopsis.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com) Fortinet (NASDAQ: FTNT) is a worldwide provider of network security appliances and the market leader in unified threat management (UTM). Our products and subscription services provide broad, integrated and high-performance protection against dynamic security threats while simplifying the IT security infrastructure. Our customers include enterprises, service providers and government entities worldwide, including the majority of the 2009 Fortune Global 100. Fortinet's flagship FortiGate product delivers ASIC-accelerated performance and integrates multiple layers of security designed to help protect against application and network threats. Fortinet's broad product line goes beyond UTM to help secure the extended enterprise -- from endpoints, to the perimeter and the core, including databases and applications. Fortinet is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., with offices around the world.

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