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Fortinet(R) Earns NSS Labs' 'Recommended' Rating for Overall Protection, Stability & Reliability and TCO

Comprehensive Network Benchmarks Verify the FortiGate-800C Is Able to Sustain 9.7 Gbps While Maintaining a 100% Protecting Rating

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwire) -- 01/22/13 -- Fortinet® (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a world leader in high-performance network security -- today announced that NSS Labs has published a comprehensive benchmark test report of the company's FortiGate-800C, which earned 100% scores in the categories of overall protection, stability & reliability, firewall enforcement and security effectiveness. In addition, NSS Labs verified that the FortiGate-800C is able to sustain 9.7 Gbps using real-world traffic. The full report can be downloaded here:

In addition to the measured high performance, low latency and low TCO, the FortiGate-800C also provides advanced features our customers need to keep up with their evolving network environment:

- 10 GbE interfaces for today's high performance network environments
- 1 RU size for locations where rack space is at a premium
- An integrated wireless controller to help secure Wi-Fi connections
- Shared media interfaces to ease the migration from copper to fiber network infrastructure
- Bypass interfaces automatically bridge network traffic in the event of a system failure or power outage to ensure missioncritical network continuity

In December 2012, NSS Labs performed an independent test of the FortiGate-800C running FortiOS v4.3.8, Fortinet's purpose-built security operating system. The product was subjected to thorough testing at the NSS Labs facility in Austin, Texas, based on the network firewall methodology v4.0 available on www.nsslabs.com. This test was conducted free of charge and NSS Labs did not receive any compensation in return for Fortinet's participation.

"Fortinet's FortiGate-800C was able to withstand our stability test and remain functional throughout the test," said Thomas Skybakmoen, research director at NSS Labs. "The FortiGate-800C is a robust and stable firewall."

The FG-800C delivered firewall throughput of 9.7 Gbps. NSS Labs rates throughput based upon an average of the results from tests: "Real World" Protocol Mix (Perimeter), "Real World" Protocol Mix (Core), and 21 KB HTTP Response.

"We are pleased to learn that NSS Labs has validated the high performance of our FortiGate-800C," said Patrick Bedwell, vice president of product marketing for Fortinet. "These independent benchmark results, combined with the advanced hardware features and wide spectrum of security technologies included in the FortiGate 800C, will once again demonstrate that Fortinet is leading the industry by giving customers a scalable and future-ready solution that satisfies their security, performance and budget requirements."

About the FortiGate-800C

The FortiGate-800C provides mid-enterprise organizations and large enterprise branch offices with extremely high firewall throughput, ultra low latency, and a wide range of configuration options. The high-speed network security capabilities of the FortiGate-800C address several market dynamics affecting customers today:

- Soaring bandwidth demands due to the increasing use of content-rich social media and Web 2.0 applications
- The explosion of multiple mobile devices accessing these applications -- increasingly through Wi-Fi connections -- that require an application firewall with the ability to process millions of connections per second
- The increase in sophisticated attacks employing the latest detection evasion techniques being launched from the application layer

To help secure Wi-Fi connections, the FortiGate-800C features an integrated wireless controller. Customers can manage both their wired and wireless LAN traffic from a single management console, eliminating the challenge of trying to duplicate policies across non-integrated wired and wireless security technologies. User and device-based firewall policies, protocol-level network access and application-based traffic shaping are examples of the granular control policies provided by the FortiGate-800C. Without requiring another set of devices to control wireless traffic, customers benefit from both simplified network architecture and an integrated approach to security.

Like other members of the FortiGate product family, the FortiGate-800C combines firewall, application control, IP Sec and SSL VPN, intrusion prevention, on-device and cloud-based sandboxing, antimalware and Web filtering into a single device with all features turned on for a single price. All FortiGate devices provide native dual-stack support for IPv6 traffic out of the box as Fortinet has been a leader in protecting IPv6 networks since 2007, achieving both IPv6-Ready and JITC certifications in 2008.

To download the complete NSS Labs FortiGate-800C report, please visit: http://www.fortinet.com/resource_center/whitepapers/nss_labs_firewall_product_analysis.html

For more information on the FortiGate-800C, please visit: http://www.fortinet.com/products/fortigate/800C.html

The FortiGate Performance Advantage

In addition to today's NSS Labs report, Fortinet also announced the introduction of the FortiGate-3600C, a new Unified Threat Management (UTM) appliance with industry leading next generation firewall (NGFW) performance. The feature rich FortiGate-3600C offers large enterprises and MSSPs the most cost effective end-to-end network security solution in the industry. The full press release can be found here www.fortinet.com/press-releases/130122 NGFW FG3600C.html.

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Fortinet (NASDAQ: FTNT) is a worldwide provider of network security appliances and a 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 2012 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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