Smart Business Technology Helps Secure Transactions and PCI Compliance With Fortinet Web Application Firewall

Smart Business Technology Adds FortiWeb to Its FortiGate-Secured Network Infrastructure With Confidence

SUNNYVALE, CA, Jan 12, 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 Smart Business Technology (SMART), a leading global provider of transaction and point of service solutions, has selected Fortinet's Web application security appliance, FortiWeb(TM), to help ensure secure transactions and PCI compliance. Already a satisfied customer of Fortinet's FortiGate(R) multi-threat security product to protect its network infrastructure, SMART is confident in its selection of the FortiWeb appliance to help secure another aspect of its network. FortiWeb appliances provide application and XML firewalling to assist in protecting, balancing and accelerating Web applications, databases and the information exchanged between them.

After an internal audit of its production environment, SMART was told that the company would not be able to meet the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) 6.6 mandate, which requires a Web application firewall to help protect account data transmitted over networks. SMART's business is focused on processing credit card transactions for other companies, and, as such, PCI compliance is critical for them to be in business. It also helps to gain the trust of their customers and helps customers with compliance requirements without having to overhaul their own network.

"We've had great success with previous Fortinet appliances, so it was an easy decision to continue with Fortinet's proven technology when we needed to secure other parts of our network. Simply put, when we think of securing our network, we think of Fortinet," said Carlos Romero, executive vice president of technology at Smart Business Technology. "Our trust in FortiGate appliances was transferred onto their new FortiWeb product, and both products have stood up to the test."

"The FortiWeb appliance offers a deeper layer of security that is critical today, as the vast majority of companies rely on a Web interface for delivery of personal and confidential information as an integral part of their business," said Jim Pickering, vice president of enterprise sales at Fortinet. "This Web front-end and the pipe that deliver the information are at risk for the valuable information they hold, so it's essential that customers employ mechanisms to help secure this process."

In addition to the FortiWeb deployment, which started during the summer of 2009, SMART has also deployed other Fortinet network security appliances including FortiGate(R)-100s at its corporate office in Atlanta, at its service provider's headquarters and at a separate co-location facility in North Carolina. A FortiGate-50 and FortiGate-60 are also located at remote offices along with Fortinet's FortiClient solution.

About Smart Business Technology (www.smartbt.com)

Smart Business Technology ("SMART") is a leading global provider of transaction and point of service IT solutions. Leveraging years of experience and expertise in all aspects of payments and transactional systems, SMART provides solutions to some of the most prestigious financial institutions, credit card processors and retailers in the world. In the very competitive world of transaction processing and financial services, SMART assists its clients with dramatic cost reductions as well as new revenue opportunities using advanced propriety tools for developing, integrating and supporting payments. From unique POS solutions, to sophisticated secure payment systems development, SMART helps the world transact.

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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