



Panda Restaurant Group Dishes Out Network Security to 1,200 Locations

Fortinet's Multi-Threat Appliances Offer Robust Scalability Along With Ease-of-Management

SUNNYVALE, CA, Oct 25, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Fortinet(R) (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a leading network security provider and the worldwide leader of unified threat management (UTM) solutions -- today announced that the Panda Restaurant Group, Inc., the largest and fastest growing Asian restaurant company in the United States, has deployed Fortinet's multi-threat security appliances for firewall and virtual private network (VPN) protection at remote locations and firewall, intrusion prevention system (IPS) and secure sockets layer (SSL) VPN at the corporate office.

Working with Fortinet partner Secured Retail Networks Inc., in early 2010 Panda Restaurant Group embarked on a two part deployment. First, it was looking to refresh its end of life SonicWall solution for remote locations. Secondly, it needed to upgrade the old SonicWall appliances located at headquarters. With the requirement of a stable solution that was easy to manage, configure and an easy to use management solution as well as being affordable, the Panda Restaurant Group selected Fortinet appliances to provide firewall, VPN and IPS protection at its corporate owned stores and headquarters.

"It is imperative for us to have all our 1,200 plus locations connecting back to headquarters for easy management, configuration and deployment," said Jason Hurst, senior network security administrator at Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. "Fortinet offers a solution that best met our needs. We can now easily and securely connect to all stores and report back on network usage. We also have the great ability to easily add network security functionalities without having to overhaul our network infrastructure."

"Working with partners such as Secured Retail Networks, Fortinet continues to build strength within the retail market and the Panda Restaurant Group's deployment of FortiGate appliances is further proof of that," said Pete Brant, vice president of enterprise sales at Fortinet. "When retailers are looking for vendors that have an easy to use and manage network security appliance that offers robust scalability and a limited footprint within stores, Fortinet's name is at the top of the list. We are very happy to have the Panda Restaurant Group added to our world-class list of customers."

Located at its Rosemead, California headquarters are two FortiGate(R)-200B appliances and two FortiGate-1240B appliances. The appliances are being used to filter all traffic from the more than 1,200 retail locations and to help provide secure firewall, IPS and SSL VPN functionalities. In addition, the Panda Restaurant Group has also deployed two FortiGate-620B appliances which are being used to protect the user local area network.

FortiGate-80C appliances are located at each of the individual retail stores and are providing secure network connectivity via VPN back to corporate headquarters. Firewalling and IPS protection are also being used to help ensure that the individual stores are not compromised via its network.

To manage the network traffic of all the stores and headquarters, all data traversing the Panda Restaurant Group network goes through a FortiManager(TM)-3000C appliance.

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