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Fortinet(R) Earns NSS Labs' 'Recommended' Rating in 2012 Network Intrusion Prevention Comparative Testing

The FortiGate-3240C Provides 96% Overall Protection, 6.25 Gbps of IPS Performance and Ultra-Low Latency

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwire) -- 08/07/12 -- Fortinet® (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a world leader in high-performance network security -- today announced that it has earned the NSS Labs 'Recommended' rating in their most recent network intrusion prevention comparative test.

NSS Labs, a leader in independent security product testing and research, is known to conduct the most comprehensive third-party testing in the industry, providing real-world research and analysis to enterprises, government agencies and organizations of all sizes. NSS Labs' security effectiveness testing leverages deep engineering expertise that utilizes multiple commercial, open source and proprietary tools as appropriate. This latest vendor roundup is the industry's most comprehensive test to date.

NSS Labs tested Fortinet's FortiGate-3240C with FortiOS 4.0 MR3 against its IPS test methodology, which is composed of 1,486 live exploits. The FortiGate-3240C blocked 95.0% of attacks against client applications and 96.0% overall and correctly identified 100% of NSS' evasion attempts without error.

There is frequently a trade-off between security effectiveness and performance. Because of this tradeoff, it is important to judge a product's security effectiveness within the context of its performance (and vice versa). This helps ensure that new security protections do not adversely impact performance and security shortcuts are not taken to maintain or improve performance.

"The Fortinet FortiGate-3240C demonstrated excellent protection capability as well as performance, maintaining consistent throughput and high protection rates throughout the testing process," said Vikram Phatak, CEO at NSS Labs. "For multi-gigabit environments looking to upgrade defenses from their current IPS, the Fortinet FortiGate-3240C provides excellent protection."

"With a latency of sub-10 milliseconds, the FortiGate-3240C is among the fastest IPS solutions in its price class," said Patrick Bedwell, vice president of products at Fortinet. "Beyond ultra-low latency, the FortiGate-3240C delivered 96% overall protection and 6.25 Gbps of IPS performance, making it an ideal enterprise-class solution for high performance latency-sensitive customers, such as those in financial services."

About the FortiGate-3240C
The FortiGate-3240C is an IPv6-ready next-generation firewall with integrated application control and intrusion prevention, enabling granular control of more than 2,200 discrete applications and real-time protection against the latest Advanced Persistent Threats (APTs). Designed for exceptional scalability to protect large enterprise and service provider networks, the FortiGate-3240C features 12 hardware-accelerated 10-Gigabit Ethernet (10-GbE) ports and 16 hardware-accelerated Gigabit Ethernet (GbE) ports -- the highest port density in its class. In terms of performance, the FortiGate-3240C utilizes the FortiASIC-CP8, an eighth-generation content processor that delivers improved encryption and pattern matching. These enhancements translate into increases in both the IPSec and SSL VPN set up rates and provide signature-based pattern matching to accelerate the performance of the IPS engine.

Like other members of the FortiGate product family, the FortiGate-3240C combines firewall, application control, IP Sec and SSL VPN, intrusion prevention, antivirus, antimalware, antispam and Web filtering into a single device with all features turned on for a single price.

For more information on the results of the NSS LabsIPS benchmark test, please visit:
https://www.nsslabs.com/research/network-security/network-ips/fortinet-fortigate-3240c-2012.html

For more information on the FortiGate-3240C, please visit: http://www.fortinet.com/products/fortigate_3240c.html

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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 2011 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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