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Fortinet(R) Earns 27th Virus Bulletin VB100 Award

Endpoint Security Solution Earns Comparative VB100 Award Based on Impressive Detection Rates, Reactive and Proactive (RAP) Test Scores and Zero False Positives

SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwire) -- 09/24/12 -- Fortinet® (NASDAQ: FTNT) -- a leader in high-performance network security -- today announced the company has been awarded its 27th VB100 award in Virus Bulletin's August 2012 Comparative Review.

Virus Bulletin staff tested Fortinet's antivirus capabilities along with 50 other endpoint security solutions from multiple countries for stability, malware catch rates and false positive rates. The report concluded that the software's detection rates and RAP test scores were impressive, earning 100% in the certification set test, which helped Fortinet secure its 27th Virus Bulletin VB100 award.

"The [Fortinet] software interface is plain and businesslike, providing a very thorough set of controls, and logging is clear, reliable and easy to read," said John Hawes, test team director at Virus Bulletin. "Detection rates were impressive... and with no issues in the certification sets. A VB100 award is comfortably earned."

Fortinet's antivirus technology is part of the suite of security services developed and maintained by the company's FortiGuard Labs research team, which delivers industry-leading threat protection for a wide range of Fortinet products, including FortiGate®, FortiWeb®, FortiMail® and FortiClient® products.

Founded in 2000, Fortinet's FortiGuard Labs consists of a world-class security team that monitors the threat landscape and ensures Fortinet customers are continuously informed and protected. Consisting of more than 150 dedicated research analysts, FortiGuard helps protect customers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year. The team discovers new third party threats and then delivers rapid signature updates and detailed security knowledge designed to provide practically instant protection from new and emerging threats. In a typical week, the FortiGuard team adds or updates approximately 145,000 antivirus signatures, 25 intrusion prevention (IPS) signatures, 400,000 URLs ratings for Web filtering and 28,000,000 antispam signatures. Additionally, FortiGuard has made more than 130 zero day discoveries in the last three years.

Fortinet is able to discover threats quickly via analyzing data submitted voluntarily by Fortinet's extensive customer network of hundreds of thousands of installed FortiGate devices, and then push out signature updates to every customer in the world in minutes -- unlike competing security companies that have to rely on third party security companies to provide them with the latest malware signatures.

The critical technology in Fortinet's antivirus engine is its ability to decode and track behaviors of polymorphic, encrypted and packed malware in realtime. Fortinet developed a propriety binary emulation engine that allows its antivirus engine to detect new malware and variants, regardless of whether a detection signature exists. This enables the engine to detect today's robust malware threats, even those that use sophisticated evasion techniques like polymorphism and encryption to avoid detection from other antimalware products.

"It's great to see Fortinet moving to the top of Virus Bulletin's RAP Quadrant and being recognized for our ongoing enhancements to our antivirus engine," said Patrick Bedwell, vice president of product marketing for Fortinet. "Our FortiGuard research team has worked tirelessly to ensure that our malware detection technology provides our customers with the same high degree of accuracy as the pure play antivirus software developers."

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-- 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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