Fortinet Joins PCI Security Standards Council

Fortinet to Participate in Worldwide Council to Help Protect and Secure Payment Cardholder Data

SUNNYVALE, Calif. - Oct 06, 2009 - Fortinet® - a market-leading network security provider and worldwide leader of unified threat management (UTM) solutions - today announced that it has joined the PCI Security Standards Council as a participating member. The PCI Security Standards Council (PCI SSC) is a global, open industry standards body providing management of the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS), PIN Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Application Data Security Standard (PA-DSS).

The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account data security by driving education and awareness of the PCI Security Standards. The organization was founded by American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB International, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa, Inc.

As part of the PCI Security Standards Council, Fortinet will have access to the latest payment card security standards from the Council, be able to provide feedback on the standards and join a growing community that now includes more than 500 organizations. Fortinet now has the option to incorporate the latest PCI standards in its line of network security hardware appliances including its flagship FortiGate product line. In an era of increasingly sophisticated attacks on systems, adhering to the PCI DSS represents an organization's best protection against data criminals.

"The PCI Security Standards Council is committed to helping everyone involved in the payment chain protect consumer payment data," said Bob Russo, General Manager of the PCI Security Standards Council. "By participating in the standards setting process, Fortinet demonstrates they are playing an active part in this important end goal."

"PCI compliance is no longer a nice to have - it's a must have for companies to securely do business online. Working closely with the PCI Security Standards Council is allowing Fortinet to be at the forefront of PCI-based decisions that will directly affect our customers," said Anthony James, vice president of product marketing for Fortinet.

About the PCI Security Standards Council(https://www.pcisecuritystandards.org)
The mission of the PCI Security Standards Council is to enhance payment account security by fostering broad adoption of the PCI Data Security Standard and other standards that increase payment data security. The PCI Security Standards Council was formed by the major payment card brands American Express, Discover Financial Services, JCB, MasterCard Worldwide and Visa Inc. to provide a transparent forum in which all stakeholders can provide input into the ongoing development, enhancement and dissemination of the PCI Data Security Standard (DSS), PIN Entry Device (PED) Security Requirements and the Payment Applications Data Security Standard (PA-DSS). Merchants, banks, processors and point of sale vendors are encouraged to join as Participating Organizations.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet is a leading provider of network security appliances and the market leader in Unified Threat Management or UTM. Fortinet solutions were built from the ground up to integrate multiple levels of security protection -- including firewall, antivirus, intrusion prevention, VPN, spyware prevention and antispam -- designed to help customers protect against network and content level threats. Leveraging a custom ASIC and unified interface, Fortinet solutions offer advanced security functionality that scales from remote office to chassis-based solutions with integrated management and reporting. Fortinet solutions have won multiple awards around the world and are the only security products that are certified in five programs by ICSA Labs: Firewall, Antivirus, IPSec VPN, Network IPS and Antispam. Fortinet is based in Sunnyvale, California.