

WatchGuard Ups the Ante for Network Security

Unveils Next Generation of Highly-Reliable Security Solutions that Strengthen Network Security, Improve User Connectivity and Simplify Network Management

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WatchGuard® Technologies, a global provider of network security solutions, today unveiled its latest version of network security software for its Firebox® X Peak™, Core™ and Edge unified threat management (UTM) appliances, positioning WatchGuard UTM devices as the leading price/performance UTM appliances, as evidenced by a panoply of new security capabilities, connectivity features, increased performance and robust network administrative tools.

For businesses that need uncompromising network security, the new WatchGuard Fireware® 10 and Edge 10 releases are highly-reliable, feature-rich UTM operating systems for the WatchGuard Firebox X Peak, Core and Edge families of appliances. Unlike other network security devices, Fireware 10 and Edge 10 are optimized for today's complex network connectivity schemes, and are designed for high-reliability, enhanced UTM functionality, hardened security and greater administrator management and ease of control.

'Businesses today face increasingly new challenges of more mobile workers, remote and branch office environments, and new technologies that stretch the limits of conventional network security appliances,' said Eric Aarrestad, Vice President of Marketing at WatchGuard. 'Recognizing this, WatchGuard developed version 10 to alleviate connectivity challenges, while improving security and providing administrators with new levels of network security visibility.'

New Levels of Security and Connectivity

Version 10 includes a myriad of new features to keep users securely connected to their network. For instance, Fireware 10 and Edge 10 now integrate SSL VPN functionality. This makes them an ideal solution for mobile and remote workers who need to securely connect from virtually anywhere. Further addressing secure mobility needs, both operating systems will support Mobile VPN for Windows® Mobile devices, and for workers who use voice over IP or video conferencing, Fireware 10 and Edge 10 support SIP and H.323 connections. Additionally, Edge 10 includes a wireless bridge mode that extends secure connectivity for wireless users.

Once connected, users and network administrators will appreciate the new single sign-on capability, which provides pass-through authentication to help users stay seamlessly connected to their corporate networks.

For customers running the optional WatchGuard spamBlocker security subscription, version 10 now includes support for Virus Outbreak Detection (VOD), an advanced, real-time security technology that identifies and blocks e-mail based malware, including spam, viruses and phishes. Because VOD uses Recurrent Pattern Detection technology, no signature updates are required, thus giving connected users immediate protection against unknown, 'zero-day' virus attacks.

Additionally, Fireware 10 adds support for Vasco's popular two-factor authentication solutions for businesses that require the highest levels of secure connectivity. In summary, these features help

workers stay more securely connected than ever before, thus allowing businesses to focus on productivity rather than employee help desk calls.

Full UTM Security Optimized for Network Administrators

Administrators will value WatchGuard System Manager's (WSM) all new logging and reporting engine that scales for enterprise environments. This is complemented by powerful new log analysis tools, integration of WatchGuard LiveSecurity® alerts into the appliance UI, and support for SNMP v3, all of which provide administrators with unparalleled network security visibility, management and control.

Additional administrative tools in WebBlocker with version 10 include up to 54 categories of web filtering preferences, including URL-based filters, giving administrators unprecedented granular control and greater accuracy than just IP-based filters.

Another management issue addressed by version 10 revolves around employees and students who misuse HTTPS to bypass network security filters. By inserting 's' at the end of 'http' in most web browser URL lines, users can often bypass many firewall and administrative rules, and hence surf inappropriate, unauthorized or otherwise unsafe websites. Fireware 10 and Edge 10 now include WebBlocker filtering for HTTPS web pages, effectively eliminating this pernicious security and productivity risk.

WatchGuard Fireware 10, Edge 10 and WSM 10 - Pricing & Availability

WatchGuard Fireware 10 and Edge 10 will be available for free for customers who have a current WatchGuard LiveSecurity subscription. New WatchGuard Firebox X Peak, Core and Edge UTM devices will include Fireware 10 or Edge 10 for free and can be purchased from resellers around the world. Fireware 10, Edge 10 and WSM 10 will be available for download within 30 days.

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Since 1996, WatchGuard® Technologies, Inc. has been the advanced technology leader of network security solutions, providing mission-critical security to hundreds of thousands of businesses worldwide. The WatchGuard Firebox® X family of wired and wireless unified threat management appliances provide extensible network security, in-depth analysis, and unparalleled network visibility, management and control. WatchGuard products are backed by WatchGuard LiveSecurity® Service, an innovative support, maintenance, and education program. WatchGuard is headquartered in Seattle and has offices serving North America, Europe, Asia Pacific, and Latin America. To learn more, visit <http://www.watchguard.com/>.

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