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ProSecure UTM by NETGEAR Over Four Times More Effective at Blocking Threats Than Competing Solutions

Independent Testing Confirms ProSecure UTM Family of Appliances is Between 1.3x and 4.5x More Effective at Stopping Threats than Solutions from SonicWALL, Fortinet, and Watchguard

Bracknell, UK. — October 26, 2009 — ProSecure™, the specialised network security brand by NETGEAR®, Inc. (NASDAQGM: NTGR), a worldwide provider of technologically innovative, branded networking solutions, today announced the results of an in-depth, independent lab test of the ProSecure UTM family of Unified Threat Management (UTM) Appliances. Testing by a partnership of AV-Test GmbH and The Tolly Group, premier independent IT test labs, focused on the ability of the solution to stop malware and viruses – traditionally the Achilles heel of security solutions for the growing business market.

“This is a revealing study on the security effectiveness of the UTM products aimed at small- and medium-businesses – and security effectiveness is typically very difficult to measure by end users,” said Kevin Tolly, founder of The Tolly Group.

The tests measured security effectiveness against 3,583 virus and malware samples from the WildList Organisation International’s latest list of viruses “propagating in the wild” and 60,000 zoo malware samples from AV-Test GmbH. The results were as follows:

- ProSecure – blocked 100 percent of WildList samples and 90 percent of zoo malware samples
- Fortinet – blocked 81 percent of WildList samples and 29 percent of zoo malware samples
- SonicWALL – blocked between 75 to 81 percent of WildList samples and 35 to 70 percent of zoo malware samples, depending on model
- Watchguard – blocked 32 percent of WildList samples and 20 percent of zoo malware samples

The ProSecure UTM series can deliver these superior results because they employ more than one million AV signatures, while the competition provides between 3,000 and 60,000 signatures. In addition to providing superior threat protection, the ProSecure UTM products also provide a better approach to spam filtering and URL blocking. The ProSecure UTM series employs a hybrid in-the-cloud approach for spam analysis and URL filtering. Against spam, this approach looks at both the content and header of emails for spam determination. Most other UTMs in this category look only at email headers or rely purely on simple Real-time Blackhole Lists (RBLs) for anti-spam protection, which results in many false positives/negatives. For URL filtering, this approach affords a much more comprehensive database of URLs than competing solutions, which results in accuracy and reliability advantages typically not seen at the growing business end of the UTM market. More details on the results and the testing methodology can be found here: <http://www.tolly.com/DocDetail.aspx?DocNumber=209131>.

“The ProSecure UTM has been exceptionally effective at eliminating malware infestations at J. Peterman, and has afforded us the ability to maintain tight control over the URLs that our users surf,” said Matt Rogish, CTO of J. Peterman, a leading lifestyle brand that delivers apparel and home furnishings through catalogs, retail and the Internet. “This has resulted in less desktop downtime, increased productivity for end users, and fewer headaches for my desktop support staff.”

“While the WildList results speak for themselves, the zoo malware results are particularly important as such older malware is still circulating the globe, wreaking havoc on out-of-date and unprotected computers,” said Jason Leung, NETGEAR’s senior product line manager for SMB Security. “Vendors often sacrifice zoo malware catch rates in order to meet growing-business price points. Yet, mass botnet infestations often employ zoo-malware to infect its targets. At ProSecure, we have found a way to deliver security effectiveness and performance at a price point that is attractive to growing businesses and our channel partners alike.”

Pricing and Availability

With full 24/7 technical support that connects SMBs directly with experienced security experts, the ProSecure UTM Series of Security Appliances are changing the face of business security. The UTM10 and UTM25 are available immediately through partners including Newegg.com and value added resellers for an estimated U.S. street price starting at \$376. More information on the UTM product lines can be found at <http://prosecure.netgear.com>.



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