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Major Korean University Selects FortiGate Antivirus Firewall Systems for Data Center Security

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Nov. 4, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced that the SoongSil University Computer Institute, a major technical university in Korea, has selected FortiGate™ systems to provide integrated antivirus, firewall and intrusion detection/prevention (IDP) services to protect their computer center against viruses, worms, intrusions and other threats and to limit the scope and effect of traffic surges caused by network attacks.

SoongSil University Computer Institute deployed the FortiGate solutions, which included the FortiGate 500 model, at the network gateway to get the full benefit of the integrated, high-performance antivirus, firewall and IDP functions across the full range of applications supported by the data center. Immediately after deployment, the FortiGate attack logs verified that the system was blocking virus attacks stemming from both internal and external networks. As a result, both students and college administration officials can now utilize the center's 300-plus computers free from the network downtime that had previously plagued the campus.

“Before deploying the FortiGate systems, the SoongSil computer center’s network faced at least one stretch of downtime a day due to traffic surges related to network attacks,” said Lee Chang-don, IT manager of the computer center at SoongSil University. “In selecting a security gateway, we noticed that the FortiGate systems were the only hardware-based antivirus firewall systems available, which made them effective for handling Web traffic and other latency-sensitive applications without impacting the performance of our applications. With the FortiGate systems deployed we have effectively blocked attacks from getting into our center and as a result our service levels have greatly improved.”

The FortiGate 500 is a high-port density mid-range model in the FortiGate line, which includes 10 members that scale from SOHO to service provider applications. FortiGate Antivirus Firewalls are based on a groundbreaking architecture designed specifically to deliver application-layer security and content processing services, in addition to network-layer services, in real time. All models in the 10-member FortiGate product family employ Fortinet’s unique FortiASIC™ content processing chip and the powerful, secure, FortiOS™ operating system to achieve breakthrough price/performance. The unique, ASIC-based architecture analyzes content and behavior in real time, and delivers a combination of services and performance that cannot be matched using conventional layer 3/layer 4 networking architectures or by deploying software applications on conventional computer systems.

“Given their open nature and broad diversity of users, university computer systems are especially vulnerable to a wide range of attacks that span from general computer mischief to serious and devastating attacks,” said Matt Young, Fortinet’s vice president for Asia-Pacific. “For this reason, the FortiGate systems’ hardware-based, integrated security solutions are gaining popularity because they are comparatively inexpensive, easy to deploy and maintain, and provide complete protection against new and existing threats.”

About SoongSil University Computer Institute (www.soongsil.or.kr)

Established in 1979, SoongSil University's Computer Institute has emerged as one of the Korea's largest training centers, boasting some 14,000 graduates. The center offers five departments: software information, multimedia, Internet information and communication, e-business and digital advertising and design. It is now making great efforts to produce talented people who can lead Korea's forthcoming "Computopia" society.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate™ series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls, winner of the 2003 Networking Industry Awards Firewall Product of the Year, are the new generation of real-time network protection systems. They detect and eliminate the most damaging, content-based threats from email and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, inappropriate Web content and more in real time – without degrading network performance. FortiGate systems, the only ICSA quadruple-certified security products (antivirus, firewall, IPSec, NIDS), also deliver a full range of network-level services – including firewall, VPN and traffic shaping – in addition to application-level services in integrated, easily managed platforms. Fortinet, named to the "Visionaries" category in the 2003 Gartner Enterprise Firewall Magic Quadrant, is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.

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