

**Astaro First on List of 10 Companies to Watch in 2008***Linux Foundation Separates Astaro from the Pack*

**Burlington, MA – February 5, 2008** – Astaro Corporation ([www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com)), a leader in delivering unified threat management (UTM) security appliances, announced that it was chosen one of “10 Companies to Watch in 2008” by CMP Channel’s ChannelWeb.com, a popular destination for technology vendors and marketers looking to reach the \$373 billion technology reseller channel.

Astaro was singled out because its UTM solution runs on a Linux foundation which, according to ChannelWeb.com, allows its solution provider partners to realize margins as high as 30%. The article forecasts that Astaro will “push the margin and technology envelope in 2008.” It also made special note of Astaro’s software allowing iPhone users to tap into the Astaro Security Gateway VPN, and that the company offers a downloadable free home user license. ([www.astaro.com/download](http://www.astaro.com/download))

“It is always great to be recognized for the work we’ve done, but it’s even better to have recognition as an innovator of the future,” said Jan Hichert, Astaro CEO. “Astaro is committed to challenging the limits of technology and serving our channel partners as best we can. The coming year is going to be an exciting one for Astaro, our partners, and our customers.”

The “10 Companies to Watch” list can be found at: [www.crn.com/it-channel/204805394](http://www.crn.com/it-channel/204805394).

**About Astaro**

Astaro Corporation is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. and Karlsruhe, Germany. The Astaro Security Gateway, simplifying Email, Web & Network Security, has won numerous industry awards and is protecting over 30,000 networks in 60 countries. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of more than 2,500 solution partners who offer local support and services. For more information, please visit [www.astaro.com](http://www.astaro.com).

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