

Astaro Named one of Linux Magazine's Top 20 Companies to Watch In 2009

Company recognized for supporting open source and satisfying market needs

January 20, 2009 (Wilmington, MA) - Astaro (<http://www.astaro.com>), leading vendor of network security appliances, today announced that it has been named one of the top 20 Companies to Watch in 2009 by Linux Magazine. This list features vendors that are best positioned in the coming year to spur Linux and Open Source adoption while delivering on the immediate needs of the marketplace.

"We are honored to again be named to Linux Magazine's top companies to watch," stated Jan Hichert, Astaro CEO. "We are committed to advancing the Linux platform through development aid and efforts, as it has allowed us to create the successful product lines that we have available today."

In 2008, Astaro was recognized as the ninth most active employer for changesets produced in the Linux 2.6.25 release, according to research published by the Linux Foundation. Developer Patrick McHardy was been ranked as the 2nd most active developer by changesets and 12th by the total number of changed lines. He is currently the Chairman of the Netfilter (a Linux kernel subsystem) core team, which Astaro has sponsored since 2002, along with several other open source projects.

"Astaro products are built on a hardened Linux platform, providing them with the stability and reliability inherent in this successful open source project," explains Bryan Richard, Editor-in-Chief at Linux Magazine. "We are eager to see Astaro's development progress throughout this coming year."

About the Linux Magazine 20 Companies to Watch List

The Linux Magazine 20 Companies to Watch list features the vendors that are making a significant impact on the next-generation of Linux and Open Source adoption. Linux Magazine selects companies that have the ability to spur Open Source adoption in all facets of Information Technology, are technology and service innovators, and develop practical solutions for the Open Enterprise. Please visit <http://www.linux-mag.com> for more information.

About Astaro

Astaro offers the most complete and easy to use Internet security appliances available. Combining best of breed applications, the proven quality of Linux and enterprise level performance, Astaro's award-winning products provide the latest protection with the best total cost of ownership. Software, hardware and virtual appliance offerings provide users the flexibility to meet a wide variety of deployment scenarios. Distributed by a growing worldwide network of more than 2,500 resellers, Astaro products protect over 100,000 networks for 47,000 customers across 60 countries. Astaro, headquartered in Wilmington, Massachusetts, USA and Karlsruhe, Germany, offers free downloads of its products at www.astaro.com.

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