

Astaro Enters Dedicated Mail Security Market

New Astaro Mail Gateway Offers SMBs a Low-Cost Alternative to Weak Barracuda Product

Burlington, MA (September 25, 2008) - Astaro Corporation (www.astaro.com), today announced the availability of its newest product line, Astaro Mail Gateway, as a high performance, low cost alternative to traditional market leaders. Featuring email encryption, spam and virus protection and remote exchange access, the Astaro Mail Gateway gives small- to medium-sized businesses comprehensive, easy-to-manage mail security. In order to drive market awareness, Astaro is introducing the product at 50 percent off through the Better than Barracuda Promotion.

Currently the only security vendor that provides email encryption free with its mail gateway solution, Astaro has remained at the forefront of adding new functionality to its security appliances. Astaro's email encryption runs transparently at the gateway, eliminating the need for employee action. Removing individual employees from the encryption process significantly lowers the possibility that confidential data may accidentally be sent in plaintext across the Internet. Based on recognized standards, such as S/MIME, OpenPGP, and TLS, Astaro's encryption also allows for scanning of encrypted emails for malware.

While most mail security solutions offer traditional anti-spam technologies, Astaro goes a step further by integrating patented, reputation-based filtering to significantly enhance spam detection while minimizing the misclassification of legitimate emails as spam. In addition to superior spam recognition, Astaro is one of the only solutions that also provides two parallel virus scanners in its mail gateway, blocking traffic in SMTP and POP3 emails. The two scanners receive virus pattern updates independently of each other, reducing reaction time in the event of a new malware outbreak. The solution also provides protection against phishing attacks.

Remote access security allows mobile users to enjoy the benefits of the Astaro Mail Gateway while on the road. Astaro allows users web-based access to their Exchange mailbox with their Outlook client from any location via a secure SSL-VPN connection. All Astaro Mail Gateway models also include single sign-on for both eDirectory and ActiveDirectory.

When comparing Astaro's product to the competition, some differences are evident. All features are available in every model; Astaro does not remove functionality from lower end appliances to drive consumers to higher model units. Astaro understands that the SMB have the same security requirements as enterprise businesses, so features such as single-sign on and VPN connectivity are always available throughout the entire product line. In addition, Astaro is also one of the few vendors that offers dual virus scanning and makes its products available as a virtual appliance.

"The inclusion of superior protection against viruses, spam and phishing, as well as email encryption and simple eDirectory/Active Directory integration in the entire family of products, means that SMBs will now be able to protect email traffic just as well as larger corporations," explains Jan Hichert, Astaro CEO. "With the launch of the Astaro Mail Gateway, our partners now have the ability to address very diverse security requirements and appeal to a wide range of customers."

"Systems Solutions is extremely excited about the new addition to the Astaro family of products," says Frank Basanta, Astaro Premier Partner and Director of Technology

at Systems Solutions. "The AMG (Astaro Mail Gateway) will give customers Astaro's award winning technology to specifically address email security needs. In the event that a customer is having a security or productivity issue such as SPAM, we will be able to deploy these products quickly and effectively with in a client's network to resolve the problem."

Pricing and Availability

The Better than Barracuda Promotion runs through December 31, 2008, and offers all Astaro Mail Gateway and Astaro Web Gateway appliances at 50 percent off. Through the promotion, Astaro Mail Gateway is available at a starting price of \$499.

To take advantage of the Better than Barracuda Promotion, visit: www.astaro.com/doc/uspages/betterthanbarracuda.html

Images of the Astaro Mail Gateway are available here: <http://snipurl.com/3tewl>

Datasheet for Astaro Mail Gateway can be found here: <http://snipurl.com/3tev4>

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 Burlington, Massachusetts, USA and Karlsruhe, Germany, offers free downloads of its products at www.astaro.com/try.

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