

Astaro Provides Virtualization Options in Growing Market

Few virtual security options available despite industry interest

Burlington, MA—June 19, 2008 - Astaro Corporation (www.astaro.com), a leading vendor of security solutions, today announced that survey results from the Interop Las Vegas conference (April 28-May 2) indicate that 55 percent of the 350 participants plan to virtualize at least part of their network security in 2008. Despite demand for virtualized networks, the company's Astaro Security Gateway appliance line is one of the few available as fully virtualized appliances. Astaro's newest product line, Astaro Web Gateway, is also available as a virtual appliance.

Gartner Research states, "Virtualization is the highest-impact issue changing infrastructure and operations through 2012. It will change how you manage, how and what you buy, how you deploy, how you plan and how you charge."

While there are few vendors that offer virtualized security, Astaro Corporation has been a certified virtual appliance partner of VMware for the past five years. The company's security products can therefore be run from VMWare in a production environment in order to take advantage of existing hardware and allow companies that are standardizing on virtualization to utilize Astaro to meet their security needs. Astaro solutions can also be virtualized to provide easily recoverable training and demonstration platforms and conduct non-invasive evaluations of features and solutions.

Astaro CEO Jan Hichert adds, "Virtualization is a hot trend right now that can provide significant benefits, provided that administrators take proper precautions in setting up their virtual networks. As with any new technology, virtualization will likely face new security threats that must be mitigated."

¹ "Virtualization Changes Virtually Everything." Philip Dawson, Thomas J. Bittman. 28 March 2008.

Server virtualization boasts the benefits of reduced costs, improved availability and faster deployment. To download a trial version of Astaro Security Gateway, visit <http://www.vmware.com/appliances/directory/110>.

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 35,000 businesses in 60 countries. Astaro, headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts, USA and Karlsruhe, Germany, offers free downloads of its products at www.astaro.com.

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