

Astaro Offers 50% Off to Disgruntled SonicWall Customers

Users trade in SonicWall appliances for 50% off Astaro in the Sonic Switch promotion

December 4, 2008 (Wilmington, MA) – In response to the recent glitch in SonicWall's email security server which left countless customers exposed to spam, phishing and malware threats, Astaro, a leading vendor of security appliances (www.astaro.com), today announced the start of the Sonic Switch promotion: get 50% off Astaro appliances with the trade-in of any SonicWall appliance.

SonicWall's license manager allegedly reset the license keys for many installed products late on Monday night, rendering the security appliances useless. See [this](#) ComputerWorld article for details. Customers were left with no protection against myriad mail threats for several hours. While it is not clear exactly how many users were affected, many customers left angry messages on a forum on the SonicWall site.

Through the Sonic Switch Promotion, SonicWall users now have the option to trade in their appliance for 50% off the list price on all Astaro hardware, software and maintenance for 3 or 5 year agreements. In addition, Astaro will extend SonicWall users' existing contract terms, ensuring that no customer will lose money on the deal.

"For most organizations, mail security is not an option; it simply needs to work well at all times," explains Alex Quinonez, Astaro VP of Sales. "We've put together this promotion for SonicWall customers that are upset with their recent lack of mail security and would like to move to a more stable mail solution."

Astaro mail security features patented, reputation-based filtering which significantly enhances spam detection while minimizing the misclassification

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of legitimate email as spam. Additionally, both Astaro Security Gateway and Astaro Mail Gateway now feature an upgraded User Portal that allows for management of individual quarantines and whitelists by all employees, reducing the time and effort spent by network administrators on the same tasks. Astaro is the only company that currently offers free email encryption performed transparently at the gateway without the need for employee action.

For more information or to trade in your SonicWall appliance, visit www.astaro.com/sonicwall_switch

Offer valid through January 31, 2009.

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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