

Astaro Leads Security Market with VMware Ready Certifications

Certification program recognizes solutions that are optimized for VMware products

July 13, 2009 (Wilmington, MA) – Astaro Corporation (<http://www.astaro.com>), a leading [network security](#) vendor, today announced that Astaro has earned multiple [VMware Ready™](#) certifications for its security products. [Astaro Security Gateway](#), [Astaro Mail Gateway](#) and [Astaro Web Gateway](#) have all been certified as VMware Ready, and Astaro is the only [Unified Threat Management](#) provider to have submitted to and passed VMware Ready validation.

The VMware Ready program recognizes solutions that are interoperable and optimized for VMware platforms. The program includes testing and certification for solutions that complement VMware's Virtual Datacenter Operating System (VDC-OS) and vCloud initiatives. Customers who use VMware Ready offerings benefit from the safest and broadest choice of solutions, reduced risk, and lower integration costs.

The Astaro Security Gateway, [Astaro Mail Gateway](#) and [Astaro Web Gateway](#) earned the coveted VMware Ready certification after completing extensive validation testing and meeting strict criteria defined by VMware. Astaro is the only Unified Threat Management vendor to have VMware Ready certified products.

The new VMware Ready initiative enables customers to quickly identify VMware partner products and solutions that are optimized for VMware Infrastructure. Products that carry the VMware Ready logo have passed specific VMware integration and interoperability criteria and are ready-to-run mission critical business applications and operations with full VMware support.

"Astaro has long offered our solutions as virtual appliances so customers can take advantage of the many benefits and cost savings associated with virtualization. This deployment model has been a success for both us and our customers and has continued to grow as virtualization continues to grow in popularity. Astaro has been a certified virtual appliance partner and supporter of VMware for over five years," said Angelo Comazzetto, Product Manager, Astaro Corporation. "This most recent certification further demonstrates our relentless commitment to offering security solutions that can operate in virtual networks. Of almost 1200 virtual machines listed in the VMware Virtual Appliance Marketplace, only 17 products currently carry this level of certification from VMware, and three of those are from Astaro. We are very excited at Astaro that our products are supported within their new vSphere 4.0."

Astaro Corporation has offered the [Astaro Security Gateway](#) as a virtual appliance for several years and has extensive experience in virtualization. Astaro security products can be run within any VMware environment and take advantage of existing hardware to allow organizations that are standardizing on virtualization to use Astaro to meet all their security needs.

About Astaro Corporation

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 3,000 resellers, Astaro products protect over 100,000 networks for 47,000 customers across 60

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countries. Astaro, headquartered in Wilmington, Massachusetts, USA and Karlsruhe, Germany, offers free downloads of its products at www.astaro.com.

About VMware

VMware (NYSE: VMW) is the global leader in virtualization solutions from the desktop to the datacenter. Customers of all sizes rely on VMware to reduce capital and operating expenses, ensure business continuity, strengthen security and go green. With 2008 revenues of \$1.9 billion, VMware is one of the fastest growing public software companies. Headquartered in Palo Alto, California, VMware is majority-owned by EMC Corporation (NYSE: EMC) and on the web at www.vmware.com.

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