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gateProtect Starts Common Criteria EAL 4+ Certification Process

gateProtect recently started undergoing tests at Germany's Federal Office for Information Security that will lead to Common Criteria certification. The company's solutions are being verified in accordance with international standards so that customers and partners can be confident that its products meet the most stringent data protection requirements. The focus of the certification process is on the security rules in gateProtect's upcoming Version 10, which are being tested for compliance with the Common Criteria Evaluation Assurance Level 4 Augmented (EAL 4+).

Hamburg, Germany. November 16, 2011 – The Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation are a set of internationally-recognized guidelines that define the technical basis for evaluating the security levels of IT solutions. These guidelines were developed by security experts to assess which solutions are suitable for use in sensitive and non-sensitive data environments. The highest internationally-recognized protection level within this standard is the "Evaluation Assurance Level 4 Augmented" (EAL4+), which is being used to certify the security rules of the gateProtect firewall and its core component, the packet filter. This filter, which manages the firewall rules, is included in the new Version 10 to be released next year. Full support for IPv6 will be included to respond to one of the most important requirements for the future. Also, all the other UTM and next-generation firewall functions work closely with the security rules component. This was the reason gateProtect decided to have this central component certified. The certification will examine the company's development and organizational processes, as well as the functionality and security of the rules, in accordance with the most stringent data protection requirements.

Dennis Monner, CEO of gateProtect, comments: "The last few months have shown again that cyberthreats are becoming more frequent, more complex and more dangerous. It is crucial that companies protect themselves against these threats – but finding the right protection can be a challenge for them. Companies need to safeguard their IT systems in accordance with strict security rules. The Common Criteria certification we're currently aiming for will prove to our customers and partners that gateProtect solutions meet the highest international protection standards."

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About gateProtect

gateProtect Germany is a leading provider of IT security solutions in the area of network protection. Its primary products are next-generation firewalls, managed security and VPN client systems.

Differentiators

Alongside their technical highlights, gateProtect products stand out from their competitors with their unique ease of use. gateProtect is a leading provider of next generation firewalls with an end-to-end implementation of the ISO NORM 9241 guidelines relating to ergonomic product design. With its innovative and patented eGUI® (ergonomic Graphic User Interface) technology and its Command Center, gateProtect again raises the bar for easier configuration and management of firewall systems for Managed Security Service Providers (MSSPs). The eGUI® technology enables a significant increase in enterprise security as well as higher efficiency levels for ongoing system maintenance. This delivers lower operating costs for customers.

Customers

gateProtect currently has 40,000 installations around the world. The company's customers in Europe include well-known companies and institutions such as TÜV Thüringen, E.ON Energy, Mercedes Benz, Galileo Satellite Systems, Deutsche Bahn, Kneipp, Constantin Film, and the Technical University of Dresden.

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