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Netronome and NetWitness Announce Interoperability between Leading Network Security Monitoring and SSL Inspection Solutions

Security-conscious businesses and government agencies benefit from the industry's first solution for network security monitoring that can analyze the contents of encrypted communications

SAN FRANCISCO, RSA CONFERENCE 2008, BOOTH #2627 – April 7, 2008 – Netronome Systems, Inc., a leading developer of high-performance intelligent networking solutions that provide content flow analysis, deep packet inspection and application acceleration for network and security appliances, and NetWitness Corporation, the leading provider of network monitoring solutions for identification, investigation, and resolution of complex network threats, today announced an interoperability agreement that allows organizations to identify threats hidden within Secure Sockets Layer (SSL)-encrypted communications.

Although SSL-encrypted communications enable the use of Web-based technologies for many types of sensitive consumer and business transactions, adversaries, including state-sponsored attackers and organized crime groups, are repurposing SSL technology today to hide serious threats from traditional network monitoring approaches. These threats include hiding of command and control messages, data theft and exfiltration traffic, and other malware and exploit communications. Today's announcement of a powerful interoperable solution between Netronome and NetWitness, for the first time, provides organizations with a best-in-class approach to remove the serious blind-spots in network security monitoring created by SSL and the lack of a full packet capture-based approach to network monitoring.

The combined solution is comprised of:

- NetWitness' NextGen™ - a full packet capture and session reconstruction solution for automated threat alerting and reporting and interactive analysis of network traffic up to the application layer and beyond. Using NextGen, organizations can obtain threat intelligence reporting faster and more accurately -- reducing time to problem identification and resolution, and lowering overall risk and business impact. Organizations use NextGen today to solve a broad range of business and security problems, such as insider threat management, data leakage protection, malware activity detection, network performance management, and compliance verification.
- The Netronome SSL Inspector™ - the industry's highest-performance transparent SSL proxy designed to provide networked security devices with access to the plaintext of SSL-encrypted communications. These capabilities ensure that malware threats, such as exploit code, spam, spyware and viruses, and unauthorized traffic including data theft or leakage and other forms of cyber crime or asset misuse are identified when transmitted inside of encrypted SSL flows.

“Our goal at NetWitness always has been to provide our customers with unique levels of network visibility into complex threats, especially in areas where current network monitoring solutions fall short,” said Eddie Schwartz, chief security officer at NetWitness Corporation. “We are pleased to be working with Netronome to ensure that organizations now will have the ability to monitor SSL-encrypted communications using the same advanced approach NextGen provides to them for plaintext communications.”

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“Organizations continue to struggle with the potential threats associated with the unknown contents of increasing amounts of SSL-encrypted network traffic,” said Jarrod Siket, senior vice president of sales and marketing at Netronome Systems. “The combination of SSL Inspector and NextGen allows enterprises to meet their security monitoring needs and compliance requirements by providing a network forensics solution for both plaintext and encrypted communications.”

The agreement coincides with the release of Netronome SSL Inspector 2.0. The new software release augments the product’s existing support for in-line operation with a passive mode where the SSL Inspector can be deployed off a tap, span port or mirrored interface. This architectural flexibility provides additional deployment options that expand the network design choices available in deployments with NetWitness.

The complete solution is available now from NetWitness and Netronome. For more information and a demonstration of the solution, visit Netronome’s booth #2627 at the RSA Conference in San Francisco, taking place April 7-11, 2008.

About Netronome Systems

Netronome Systems, Inc. develops open, high-performance application acceleration and flow processing solutions for communications network devices, applications and appliances. Founded in August 2003, Netronome is a privately held corporation. Headquartered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, with North American offices in Santa Clara, California and Boston, Massachusetts, Netronome has international sales offices in Centurion, South Africa; Cambridge, United Kingdom; Shenzhen and Hong Kong, China; and Penang, Malaysia. To learn more about the company and its products, please visit www.netronome.com or call +1.877.638.7629.

About NetWitness

NetWitness Corporation provides patented next generation network monitoring products that enable organizations to achieve Total Network Knowledge™. Users of NetWitness NextGen can concurrently solve a wide variety of network and security problems, including, insider threat management, data leakage protection, malware activity detection, network performance management, and compliance verification. This infrastructure provides definitive answers to tough security problems and threats through automated network understanding of application layer data and related content. Originally, developed for the US Intelligence Community, NetWitness has evolved to provide enterprises with breakthrough methods of network content analysis and risk determination. Customers include Defense, National Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies and Fortune 1000 organizations. To set up a 30-day NetWitness evaluation in your environment, please email sales@netwitness.com. For additional information, please visit www.netwitness.com.

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