



Allot Communications and First Network Group Help ISPs Manage Networks for Quality of Service and Security

Complementary technologies help service providers increase network visibility and improve security

Minneapolis and Wapakoneta, Ohio – May 8, 2006 – Allot Communications and First Network Group, Inc. have combined forces to offer complementary secure network and traffic management technologies, allowing Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to more effectively control operational costs, identify and mitigate security threats, increase user visibility into networks and optimize network performance.

Together, the companies now offer improved network visibility and security to users that leverage the network intelligence capabilities of Allot's NetEnforcer broadband manager with the monitoring and centralized user authentication provided by First Network Group's DHCPatriot. Through advanced deep packet inspection, users can more effectively manage network traffic using importance prioritization, which matches customer expectations and application requirements with policies to intelligently manage available network resources.

"Using these technologies together can help ISPs better manage networks to ensure quality of service and access in-depth reports into who and what is using the network," said Darren Ankney, vice president of product development, First Network Group. "Service providers can set policies that separately monitor and control subscriber activities and control and prioritize bandwidth-intensive applications. This results in the delivery of fair and equitable service levels among all subscribers."

The ability to analyze network traffic data in real-time and over time gives providers access to long-term reporting, capacity planning, usage tracking and service package optimization features. Providers can alleviate network congestion and apply "proportional enforcements" to heavy users, such as peer-to-peer file swapping services. Moreover, the solution quickly identifies, isolates and mitigates many types of security threats and malicious traffic, thereby reducing costs and downtime.

"With ISPs improving their business model by moving beyond just internet connectivity to advanced services such as VoIP and content delivery, a deeper view into broadband pipes and user's bandwidth consumption is crucial for optimizing utilization of network resources," said Rami Hadar, CEO, Allot Communications. "Working with First Network Group offers our joint customers the ability to ensure quality of experience across all users and applications."

About First Network Group

First Network Group Inc. (FNGi) is a specialist in building and maintaining ISP networks. Instrumental in developing the first Bright.Net network (Ohio), FNGi manages Internet Networks for ISPs across the U.S. from its headquarters in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

FNGi assists customers with all phases of Internet networking from initial planning through long-term management, including server administration, network engineering, monitoring and administration and technical support.

About Allot Communications

Allot Communications is all about broadband traffic management solutions for intelligent networks. Designed for carriers, service providers and enterprises, Allot solutions apply deep packet inspection (DPI) technology to transform broadband pipes into smart networks. This creates the visibility and control vital to manage applications and services, guarantee quality of service (QoS), contain operating costs and maximize revenue. Allot believes in listening to customers and provides them access to its global network of visionaries, innovators and support engineers.

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