

In the Season of Giving, Astaro Gives Back to Open Source Projects

UTM Vendor Promotes Benefits of Open Source Sponsorships

Burlington, Mass. (December 18th, 2007) – Astaro Corporation (www.astaro.com), a leader in delivering Unified Threat Management (UTM) security appliances, today announced it will continue its annual support of seven security-based Open Source projects in 2008 and will look to increase this number moving forward. These projects not only help the Open Source community to develop more advanced security tools, but also promote the general awareness of security issues and risks as well as available solutions. To date, Astaro's UTM solution makes use of over 300 objects derived from 80 active Open Source projects.

"We are proud to be an active member in the open source security communities as demonstrated by our commitment to these projects," said Astaro CEO Jan Hichert. "We see our participation in the open source community as a way to further advance the progress of security technology. We want to ensure our business practices fall inside the Open Source rules, and although we contribute to many projects, we select the most mature for inclusion in our products."

Astaro is currently working mainly with these communities to which it provides direct financial donations, development resources and in some cases, developer salaries.

- **Netfilter/iptables** – provides the firewall functionality inside the Linux kernel that allows packet filtering, Network Address translation and more.
- **Snort** – provides IDS/IPS functionality on Linux systems that allows pattern based analysis of network streams.
- **StrongSwan** – provides an IPsec VPN solution inside the Linux kernel that allows secure, standards based VPN that is very compatible and supports strong authentication using digital certificates as well as IKEv2.
- **OpenVPN** – provides a SSL VPN solution that can accommodate a wide range of configurations: remote access; site-to-site VPNs; WiFi security; and enterprise-scale remote access solutions with load balancing, failover, and fine-grained access-controls.

- **Firebug** – provides a development environment for Web 2.0 and AJAX web application and integrates with Firefox. Allows for editing, debugging, and monitoring of CSS, HTML, and JavaScript live in any web page.
- **Clam Anti-Virus** – provides an Anti-Virus engine/toolkit that integrates with mail servers or can be used as a standalone solution. The package provides a flexible and scalable multi-threaded daemon, a command line scanner, and a tool for automatic updating via the Internet.
- **Exim** – provides an email message transfer agent (MTA) developed at the University of Cambridge. A very flexible, secure and easy to extend SMTP engine.

About Astaro

Astaro Corporation is headquartered in Burlington, Mass. and Karlsruhe, Germany. The Astaro Security Gateway, simplifying Email, Web & Network Security, has won numerous industry awards and is protecting over 30,000 networks in 60 countries. Astaro products are distributed by a worldwide network of more than 1,000 solution partners who offer local support and services. For more information, please visit www.astaro.com.

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