

Astaro Security Gateway 7.3 Brings Email Encryption to the SMB

Enhanced email security among 100 new or updated features of the latest version of Astaro's UTM appliance

Reading, UK (August 25, 2008) - Astaro Corporation (www.astaro.com), a leading vendor of security appliances, today announced the release of version 7.3 of its award-winning Astaro Security Gateway (ASG). The latest ASG release offers more than 100 new or updated features to increase end-user efficiency and secure email traffic. Features include a redesigned UserPortal for easy management of email and VPN connections, a faster and more accurate mail security engine, a new integrated Active Directory browser, and free email encryption as part of Astaro's Mail Security Package.

Mail Filtering and Management

Astaro's advanced filtering capability offers users a clean inbox, free of spam and malware. With a performance increase of over 300 percent, employees are spared the time-consuming task of sifting through their inboxes to remove unwanted and potentially damaging emails. A redesigned UserPortal puts information and control into employees' hands, allowing them to review their own spam quarantine report, retrieve false positive mail, and maintain whitelists without relying on their network administrator. The UserPortal also gives employees the ability to create VPN connections and configure their remote access, ensuring they can use company resources from any location.

Free Email Encryption

In version 7.3, Astaro has reworked its Email Encryption Engine to make it simple and affordable for any business to start securing its email communications. Once a complex and confusing procedure involving extensive employee participation, Astaro's new email encryption offering allows messages to be automatically signed and secured at the gateway of the network. Employees no longer need to be involved in the process. This new gateway functionality is included at no additional charge with the Mail Security package.

Active Directory Browser

Astaro's Active Directory now includes the same browser based interface that E-Directory users have enjoyed. This allows for quick drag and drop functionality when building user and group policies, without the need to type out complex code strings. Administrators can rely on Astaro to tightly integrate their networks, and therefore utilise detailed usage reports, VPN access, and policy settings - without the need for special knowledge or extensive expertise.

Pricing and Availability

Astaro Security Gateway V7.3 is currently available through any Astaro partner. Astaro customers can download the latest version at www.astaro.com. The latest Astaro Security Gateway release is available as hardware, software and virtual appliances, starting at \$345.

To access the release notes for ASG 7.3 visit:
http://up2date.astaro.com/AstaroV73_releasenotes.pdf

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About Astaro

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 2,500 resellers, Astaro products protect over 35,000 businesses in 60 countries. Astaro, headquartered in Burlington, Massachusetts, USA and Karlsruhe, Germany, offers free downloads of its products at www.astaro.com.

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