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Cybernet Systems Delivers New Affordable, Easy to Use Server Software for SMB, Enterprise and Resellers

NetMAX 5.0 features significant upgrades and enhancements to increase network security, connectivity and sharing capabilities while maintaining ease of use

Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 7, 2004 — Cybernet Systems Corporation today announced NetMAX Professional 5.0, the latest version of its secure, comprehensive and easy to use Linux software for Internet appliances and network servers. The new version offers enterprises, small to medium sized businesses (SMBs) and resellers a robust, favorably priced, full featured Red Hat-based Linux server that is pre-configured to provide Apple/PC/Unix file sharing, e-mail, web page serving, firewall security and more. NetMAX Professional 5.0 includes dramatic enhancements to security and performance, and further simplifies deployment and management capabilities.

NetMAX Professional 5.0 delivers a powerful but affordable solution for almost any security or shared server requirement, creating an ideal “white box” offering for resellers that target the SMB market. Furthermore, to meet customer demand for a simple, integrated solution, NetMAX Professional 5.0 can be purchased bundled with appliance hardware including solutions from Hewlett Packard.

“NetMAX costs a fraction of comparable Linux, Windows or Unix systems, and customers can have a usable server set up in minutes,” said Glenn Beach, NetMAX product manager for Cybernet Systems. “Best of all, it’s incredibly reliable, so businesses can set it and forget it. NetMAX literally can’t be beat in terms of price and performance.”

NetMAX Professional 5.0 is designed to provide the power and robustness found in true enterprise class server systems, without any of the complexity or cost. By tapping the

power and low cost of Red Hat compatible Linux and related open source applications, and wrapping them in an intelligent and flexible browser-based system, NetMAX delivers a solution that is extremely easy to configure and maintain – users can set up a basic server in as little as 15 minutes. Moreover, NetMAX Professional's web-based GUI provides simple, remote point-and-click management and monitoring of the server, making it ideal for deployment in multiple offices or for use by resellers that are looking for a fast, easy and inexpensive option for deploying a server solution.

"As a publishing and technology consultancy company, it is vital that we utilize solutions that are reliable, and easy to set up and administer," said Richard Elen, Founder of Brideswell Associates. "In addition, since our clients often use both Macintosh OS X and Windows computers, it's important that we leverage server technology that suits a cross-platform operation. Setting up NetMAX for the first time took us less than 30 minutes from start to finish, and after that it worked flawlessly. NetMAX provides so much value to our clients that we now use it to secure, connect and share our own internal networks."

Tesseract Games of Eugene, OR was one of the first to deploy NetMAX 5.0 in conjunction with the debut of the multiplayer version of its flagship game, ENIGMA: RISING TIDE. "We were one of the first to use NetMAX 5.0, and found it perfectly met our needs for creating a stable server," said Kelly Asay, president of Tesseract Games. "In order to showcase the multiplayer facet of ENIGMA, we needed to create a network that would support player interaction with minimal slowdown – and NetMAX delivered."

NetMAX Professional 5.0 shields the user from the complexities of the underlying Linux operating system and related network services applications, while still offering all the robustness, flexibility and power that makes the Linux OS so valuable. It includes proven applications such as the Apache Web server, ProFTP, Sendmail, Samba and more. The NetMAX product line can fill a wide range of business requirements, including:

Enterprise Servers:

- Backup server
- Computer server (Application server)

- Database server
- File sharing server (Windows, UNIX and Mac)
- Print serving/Printer sharing
- Mail server

Connectivity:

- VPN
- DHCP
- Dial-up server
- Routing and port forwarding

Security and Data Management:

- File redundancy (RAID)
- Firewall
- Load balancing
- Security scanning, sniffing, and intrusion detection

Web:

- Web server
- DNS
- e-Commerce serving
- FTP
- News server
- PPP
- Proxy/cache server
- Virtual domains/hosting

New to NetMAX Professional 5.0 is the following:

- key updates to all subsystems (including VPN), further enhancing security
- a new kernel for improved performance and responsiveness
- expanded support for additional hardware integrations through an upgrade to Red Hat Linux 9
- support for PPPoE-based DSL connections
- auto-updating capabilities
- preset firewall rules for accessing external mail servers
- simplified remote support

- available with 24/7 system up monitoring with customer notification on communication failures of hardware crashes

Pricing and Availability

NetMAX Professional 5.0 and the entire line of NetMAX solutions are now available for download and as boxed products through Cybernet's online store at www.netmax.com/. NetMAX 5.0 pricing starts as low as \$231.

About Cybernet

Cybernet Systems Corp. develops products and technologies that standardize and simplify networked connectivity and computing functions through Linux. The NetMAX product line is sold direct through Cybernet's web site at <http://www.netmax.com/> and through Toshiba appliance hardware resale channels. Contact: Cybernet Systems Corporation, 727 Airport Boulevard, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108, 1-800-CYBERNET.

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