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## **Cybernet Launches Next-Generation Version 4.0 NetMAX™ Internet Appliance Software; Alliance with Toshiba Delivers Efficient Turn-key Server**

*NetMAX Software on the Magnia SG20 Integrates Popular VPN, Security and Sharing Products with New Toshiba Server*

**Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 16, 2002** — Cybernet Systems Corporation today announced the next generation of its popular Linux-based NetMAX Professional™ Suite and VPN Server Suite software, providing consumers with significantly enhanced capabilities, flexibility and ease-of-use at a price point unmatched by competitors in the industry. The NetMAX Professional Suite 4.0 and VPN Server Suite 4.0 feature a faster, more efficient and more secure network stack resulting from a move to the Linux 2.4 kernel series. Through a recent alliance with Toshiba's Computer Systems Group (CSG), the software suites will also be available pre-installed on CSG's new Magnia SG20 Wireless Mobility Server, delivering an efficient turn-key wireless server system.

The addition of stateful inspection allows for much simpler and secure firewall configurations, elevating the NetMAX products' ability to secure residential and small enterprise systems to industry state-of-the-art. The software suites are matched to fulfill the needs of a broad customer base, including Windows® 2000, Macintosh AppleShare, and Linux users. For enterprise or hosting operators, the NetMAX Professional supports easy administration of e-mail, hundreds of virtual domains per server and eases management of other services such as DNS, web caching and port forwarding/routing.

"NetMAX Server 4.0 offers substantial cost and efficiency benefits to users across platforms," said Merrill Squiers, NetMAX product manager at Cybernet Systems. "For Windows 2000 users, this includes access to email and Windows file sharing, plus Linux security assurance for external network interfaces, at no per client cost. For Macintosh AppleShare users, NetMAX 4.0 offers features and usability on par with Apple Xserve™ products, and a fully functional AppleShare interface. But because it's PC platform-based, NetMAX Server is one-half to one-

third the cost of Xserve. Finally, to Linux and Sun customers, the NetMAX products offer new, more complete compatibility with Red Hat configurations and secure web and VPN interfaces, again at a significantly lower cost."

The power of the NetMAX Internet appliance software is its ability to simplify Linux. While highly acclaimed, Linux remains notoriously difficult for the average computer user and small enterprise to install and configure. The NetMAX Server eliminates these problems by giving users understandable interfaces to easily configure an inexpensive, rock-solid web or VPN server. In addition:

- NetMAX 4.0 no longer operates on a customized Linux kernel and is able to support more (and newer) hardware than any previous NetMAX release.
- Administrators can now define "server groups" of machines and apply firewall rules to the group, thus reducing clutter and the likelihood of mistakes.
- The number of proprietary changes to the underlying Linux operating system in NetMAX 4.0 has been kept to a minimum, allowing software packages that work on Red Hat 7.2 to also work on the NetMAX Server with little or no modification.

### **NetMAX Professional Server and VPN Server Suite on the Magnia SG20**

CSG's Magnia SG20 is ideal for small and medium-sized offices, mobile consultants, remote offices in large organizations, home offices and other businesses looking for mobile networking capability. About the size of a Toshiba notebook, the Magnia SG20 can fit into an ordinary computer case and is designed to interface with Toshiba's wireless-enabled notebooks and PDAs. Bundled with NetMAX 4.0 software, the Magnia SG20 will feature full NetMAX 4.0 capabilities, providing customers with state-of-the-art connectivity and security (web, FTP, VPN and firewalls) in a fully integrated, cost-effective "network-in-a-box."

"Bundling Cybernet's NetMAX 4.0 products with our Magnia SG20 Server will empower a wider range of mobile workers who need to get their network functions up and running quickly and smoothly while on the road," said Bill Greenlund, Vice President at Toshiba's Computer Systems Group. "We are excited about Cybernet's implementation, and believe the Magnia SG20 complements the NetMAX software credo of 'simplifying Linux servers'."

### **Pricing and Availability**

The NetMAX Professional Suite 4.0 and NetMAX VPN Server Suite 4.0 are now available for download and as boxed products through Cybernet's online store at [www.netmax.com/](http://www.netmax.com/). Prices start at \$309 for the Professional Suite and at \$269 for the VPN Suite.

The NetMAX suites will also be available pre-installed on CSG's Magnia SG20 through Toshiba's traditional distribution channels. Prices start at \$1359 for the all-in-one Magnia SG20 and Cybernet package.

### **About Cybernet**

Cybernet Systems Corp. develops products and technologies that standardize and simplify networked connectivity and computing functions. Cybernet's NetMAX software product line, based on Linux, supports pre-packaged VPN, router, and server vertical applications, network appliance functions in dedicated hardware or Pentium PC-based systems, and can host web and Linux applications for small and medium sized companies, workgroups, and ISPs. The NetMAX product line is sold direct through Cybernet's web site at <http://www.netmax.com/>. Contact: Cybernet Systems Corporation, 727 Airport Boulevard, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108, 1-800-CYBERNET.

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