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Array Networks SPX5000

Summary: One of the best front-line VPN SSL (and more) appliances on the market today. It wins our Editor's Choice Award for scalability, security and value.

Estimated Price: \$ 40,000+

Enterprise businesses and internet service provider administrators will raise an eyebrow when they take a look at the Array Networks SPX5000 SSL VPN appliance. Don't let its 3U size intimidate you because this device is as powerful as it looks. It has the ability to keep the bad guys out while offering seamless operations to those who are authorized. Able to handle up to 64,000 concurrent users, this device is the boss and we award it with our Editor's Choice Award for scalability, security and value.

Enterprise-sized corporations can take advantage of this system whether they're housed in one common location or with remote offices and users around the world. Security is prevalent throughout the enterprise with secure connections to the SPX5000 from the outside world as well as SSL protection to company servers. And

these servers can be most any platform, regardless of whether it's Sun, Windows, Linux, Mac, IBM or Citrix, as long as it uses the TCP protocol.

Large-scale internet service providers, such as web hosting services, will find this product to be a dream come true. In addition to its HTTP, FTP and Telnet operations, security levels and policies can be set up in group or user levels with each of them having detailed denial and permission settings in a secured SSL environment.

The Array Networks SPX5000 is powerful with the ability to process 10,000 SSL transactions per second with a maximum throughput of 850 Mbps. The appliance has a connection capacity of 4GB through available 10/100/1000 Base-TX and 1000 Base-SX ports. Although some of the Array Networks appliances offer software compression, this particular unit performs compression through built-in hardware.

The SSL VPN capabilities of this device include a multi-layer firewall with stateful packet inspection as well as DDoS prevention. We also found a powerful feature of the SPX5000 was its ability to set up 128 different communities or virtual sites even though they may share the same domain name, IP address or ports. This will help companies

from having to go out and purchase separate equipment to provide the same services. There are several avenues available to configure the device however we found the most interesting one to be a web-based program called Array Pilot. If SNMP is utilized your given an impressive graphical display of session statistics, system usage and active sessions. Although configuration can be tedious, the result is one of the most tightest and secure front-line VPN appliances we've seen on the market today.

We mentioned that this is a device for large operations and because of its scalability we aren't able to offer structured pricing of the Array Networks SPX5000, however we're sure the company can offer assistance based on your corporate needs. If you would like to take a look at the technical specifications of the appliance, check out the web site at www.arraynetworks.net.

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