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Array Networks Unveils WiFiProtect for Clientless, Identity-Based Access Control over WLAN Networks

Unique virtualization technology enables secure wireless access for partners, guests and employees without a pre-installed client or IT intervention

Las Vegas, NV – April 28, 2008 — At Interop, Array Networks Inc., a global leader in enterprise secure application delivery, today introduced WiFiProtect, a comprehensive, identity-based access control solution for WLAN networks. WiFiProtect's unique virtualization technology automatically funnels all WLAN traffic through a scalable gateway that enables enterprises to provide customized wireless access for partners, guests and employees. By using standard browsers present on virtually every client device, it eliminates the need for IT intervention or a pre-installed client every time a user requires wireless access.

WiFiProtect places employees, partners and guests on fully separate virtual networks tailored to their individual requirements. For example, an employee will require access to critical internal documents and applications but need only limited Internet access. A guest, on the other hand, will be totally restricted from accessing a company's internal resources, but can enjoy unlimited access to the Internet.

Before any access is granted, Array's WiFiProtect requires trusted employees to vouch for guests, establishing a chain of accountability for all WLAN activity. All management is centralized on a single Array device deployed in the data center, thereby minimizing maintenance and reducing overall costs. Moreover, by eliminating compatibility issues, help desk calls are dramatically reduced.

"NAC solutions typically only focus on securing endpoints, without considering the identity of the user" said Gerard Pinal, Research Manager, Security Products and Services at IDC. "Array's WiFiProtect solution takes the next step by giving each user class secure wireless access based on its unique requirements. This provides both improved security and productivity, as the IT department no longer has to spend time verifying security clearances for people that they do not know."

Organizations now have the ability to trace WLAN misuse to a single user compartmentalizing liability and introducing accountability into the WLAN infrastructure. End-point security ensures client devices do not pose a threat, and virtualization with application level access controls give IT the ability to support, separate and define access rights for multiple user classes. Encryption can be enabled for most users, while not requiring it for guest users – but all users are fully managed under the framework of authentication, authorization and auditing.

“With WLAN networks prone to costly hacking, misuse and abuse, it has been a huge challenge for businesses to achieve true WLAN security,” said Sunil Cherian, Vice President, Product Marketing at Array Networks. “As a dedicated WLAN security solution, we have extended security levels far beyond the capabilities of a simple WLAN infrastructure. WiFiProtect ensures WLANs remain an asset to the enterprise – not a liability, and leverages upon existing AAA infrastructure without duplicating cost and effort.”

WLAN security measures on the Array platform do not overlap, interact or interfere in any way with WLAN infrastructure, and are vendor and protocol agnostic. The result – significantly broader WLAN compatibility is achieved for various vendors, components and protocols. With WiFiProtect, enterprises can instantly become backward - and forward-compatible with any WLAN equipment on the market.

About Array Networks

Founded in 2000, Array Networks is a global leader in enterprise secure application delivery and universal access solutions for rapidly growing SSL VPN and application acceleration markets. More than 1,000 customers worldwide including enterprises, service providers, government and vertical organizations in healthcare, finance, insurance and education rely on Array to provide anytime, anywhere secure and optimized access. Industry leaders including Deloitte, Red Herring, and Frost and Sullivan have recognized Array as a market and technology leader.

Array is headquartered in Milpitas, California with sales offices around the world. The company has over 100 resellers and VARs worldwide. For more information, please visit www.arraynetworks.net or call 1-866-MY-ARRAY.

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