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Array Networks' DesktopDirect Now Offers Remote Desktop Access Even When the Computer Is Turned Off

Wake-On-LAN integration allows enterprises to benefit from substantial energy cost savings, reduced carbon footprint and improved security

Milpitas, CA – November 12, 2008 –[Array Networks](#) Inc., a leading provider of optimized and secure universal access solutions, today announced that its DesktopDirect solution, now allows people to remotely access their desktop even when the computer is turned off. By deploying Array's DesktopDirect, enterprises can benefit from substantial energy cost savings, reduced carbon footprint and improved security since remote desktop access users don't need to leave their computers on unnecessarily after work or when out of the office.

With the new release of DesktopDirect, the user's PC is automatically turned on as they connect. While in the past employees that wanted to remotely access their desktop had to leave their computers powered up while they were out of the office. This meant that a remote worker's computer will be running for long periods of time even if the computer needed to be accessed briefly.

According to the [PC Energy Report 2007](#) prepared by the Alliance to Save Energy and IE, "a mid-sized company wastes more than \$165,000 a year in electricity costs for computers that have been left on overnight. By turning these computers off, an employer can keep more than 1,381 tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) out of the atmosphere. While all of these computers are not left on to provide remote desktop access, the annual cost of a PC is around \$110. Given the rise in the number of day extenders and mobile workers using this remote capability, the savings for an enterprise can add up quickly.

"The rise of the mobile workforce and day extenders is driving an increase in the use of remote desktop access," said Michael Suby of Stratecast (a Division of Frost & Sullivan). "IT administrators need to consider the cost and risks of leaving unattended office PCs on. Array's DesktopDirect now addresses both these two key problems."

Employees leaving computers on for remote access create significant security risks for the enterprise. Other leading remote access solutions leave organizations vulnerable to [RAM attack vulnerabilities](#) that plague unattended desktops and data leakage through permanent connections opened from the end user workstation. Critical information also can easily be directly obtained from active, but unattended, desktops after office hours.

DesktopDirect is the only Enterprise-class solution for secure access to office desktops anytime, anywhere. For IT managers, DesktopDirect provides an alternative to provide remote desktop access while still maintaining network security. DesktopDirect is

completely controlled by the organization – eliminating the need to trust security or risk exposure to outside entities.

“With the rise of telecommuting and cost-saving trends, Array’s new DesktopDirect offers cost advantages with secure access for enterprises,” said Michael Zhao, President and CEO for Array Networks. “In addition, DesktopDirect only requires a modest one-time fee based on concurrent usage unlike other managed services. Now businesses have an alternative to save money while still enjoying the highest level of network security.”

DesktopDirect is available on the Array [SPX Universal Access Controllers](#) product line, which means enterprises using Array for remote SSL VPN access do not need additional boxes, which provides additional cost and energy savings.

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 2,500 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.

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