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**TIPPINGPOINT EXTENDS NETWORK ACCESS CONTROL SOLUTION
ACROSS KEY VERTICAL MARKETS**

*Manufacturing, Telecommunications and Higher Education Customers Utilize
TippingPoint Solution to Reduce Network Vulnerabilities, Secure Guest Networks and
Achieve Regulatory Compliance*

AUSTIN, TX – April 28, 2008 – TippingPoint, a leader in intrusion prevention and the provider of the IPS-Secured Network, today announced the deployment of its latest 4.1 version of the TippingPoint® Network Access Control (NAC) Solution across several key vertical markets. TippingPoint's NAC solution utilizes multiple methods for user identification, access enforcement and posture assessment across each entry point in the network. This innovative approach provides enterprises greater control over network access and usage while reducing network security cost and complexity.

The TippingPoint NAC solution is a key element of the TippingPoint IPS-Secured Network, which combines TippingPoint's award-winning IPS with the TippingPoint NAC solution to provide broad network protection from the WAN perimeter to key interior network points. "Last year, we witnessed a lot of confusion in the industry associated with NAC and a reluctance to initiate deployments due to the lack of maturity in NAC products and overwhelming costs associated with network upgrades and complex implementations," said Marc Willebeek-LeMair, CTO of TippingPoint. "We've broken the barriers to NAC adoption by providing authentication and enforcement flexibility, a very easy to use management console for access policy creation, and flexible, cost-effective deployment options to simplify implementation and ramp-up."

Automated Network Access Policy Enforcement Reduces Network Vulnerabilities

The TippingPoint NAC solution subjects users and devices to rigorous authentication, authorization and security posture compliance checks. Access can be restricted based on role, device type, posture, location and time of day and multiple enforcement options, including 802.1X, DHCP and inline blocking, can be utilized. Unauthorized users are prevented from accessing the network and non-compliant devices are directed to remediate based on discovered vulnerabilities before access is granted.

“TippingPoint NAC provides secure guest access seamlessly across both wired and wireless networks,” said Andy Jones, systems analyst for Rheem Manufacturing AC Division IT. “We were impressed by how quickly policies for posture assessment could be created and the breadth of vendors TippingPoint NAC supported out of the box.”

TippingPoint NAC also interoperates with TippingPoint’s Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) to ensure malicious traffic from any connected endpoint is blocked, and non-compliant traffic triggers policy-controlled actions including blocking, quarantining, alerting or rate-shaping. This layered security approach combining NAC and in-line IPS gives security personnel unprecedented abilities to automatically enforce network access and security policies across all users, devices, traffic flows and content.

Flexible NAC Options Ease Deployment and Accommodate IT Planning

The TippingPoint NAC solution provides an endless variety of configuration and deployment options. Organizations can start small with simple deployments in highly exposed or less critical network segments and expand incrementally. With a single Web-based management console, administrators can easily manage the entire NAC deployment as well as create new access policies and ongoing management of existing policies. “With TippingPoint NAC, we had the flexibility to phase our implementation by choosing where and to what depth the solution was deployed,” said Gregg Reiser, network architect for Guideworks.

Additionally, administrators can provision intelligent, client-less guest access and create, group and control multiple tiers of guests such as contractor workers, mobile employees and onsite visitors without making changes to the existing network infrastructure.

Detailed alerts, coupled with correlated reports, reduce the time required for IT personnel to identify and resolve access issues, such as multiple user authentication failures, unknown devices attempting access or system health issues.

Virtually Transparent to Existing Users without Network Upgrades

The TippingPoint NAC solution supports a seamless Active Directory Windows login and support for Mac and Linux as well as built-in checks in its posture assessment for hundreds of anti-virus, anti-spyware and personal firewall software packages.

“TippingPoint NAC integrated into my Novell eDirectory without having to make any changes on the directory server or add additional network equipment,” said Michael Blaisdell, ITS network administrator for Saint Francis University. The TippingPoint NAC Policy Server works in concert with existing or newly deployed directory infrastructures, including RADIUS, LDAP and Active Directory without requiring changes to the existing directories. Multiple EAP types and 802.1X supplicants can be supported for using 802.1X as an authentication and enforcement method.

In addition, TippingPoint’s NAC solution integrates with existing authentication databases and leverages existing network enforcement services including 802.1X and DHCP; so no costly network upgrades are required. “Getting the DHCP enforcement working required very little effort. Students were able to use the system quickly without swamping our help desk,” Blaisdell added.

Improved Visibility and Reporting to Easily Monitor Network Usage and Access

TippingPoint’s NAC Policy Server provides advanced reporting capabilities, allowing network administrators to quickly scan the activity and status of all devices currently or historically connected to the network. Reports may be used for real time system analysis, historical analysis, compliance auditing and system troubleshooting. A system dashboard displays the current system state and gives a quick status on various components,

including number of known connections, brief historical authentication charts, and the current state of known attached devices.

The TippingPoint NAC Policy Server also keeps a complete audit trail of all user and device access to ease internal security policy audit procedures and external regulatory compliance efforts. “With TippingPoint NAC, we can verify the student identity for each connection and ensure they are compliant with our policies before they can access core resources,” said Sherri Hayes, network administrator for Lubbock Christian University.

The TippingPoint NAC Policy Server’s pricing is based on concurrent connections and starts at \$10,995 USD list. For more information, visit www.tippingpoint.com/nac.

About TippingPoint

TippingPoint, a leader in intrusion prevention systems (IPS), provides the IPS-secured network, which delivers attack control, access control, and application control. Its foundation is the TippingPoint® IPS, the most decorated in its industry with unparalleled performance and security, as evidenced by over 35 awards. For a full list, visit: http://www.tippingpoint.com/products_certifications.html. The IPS obtains evergreen protection from the Digital Vaccine® service, powered by DV Labs, the largest body of security researchers in the world. DV Labs is made up of expert internal researchers and over 600 Zero Day Initiative researchers. For more information on TippingPoint, please visit www.tippingpoint.com.

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