



infrastructure components as switches, routers and VoIP deployments from targeted attacks.

In June 2005, DiscountASP.NET deployed a TippingPoint platform between the Internet and the servers at its provider's data center. "The IPS was simple to integrate into our infrastructure and eliminated concerns that we'd have to re-architect our network at substantial expense to meet our security needs," said Eto.

Immediately, the TippingPoint solution began deterring spyware, worms, viruses, phishing, Trojans and, most importantly, the DoS attacks from compromising the performance or availability of the provider's hosting services. For example, the IPS blocks an average of 25 SQL Slammer packets each second, or 90,000 per hour.

"Much to our relief, the TippingPoint IPS effectively stopped the attacks, allowing us to restore services," said Eto. "Additionally, the system doesn't degrade network performance, making this level of security transparent to our clients and their customers. We were so impressed with TippingPoint's technology, ease of deployment and rapid support that we no longer considered any other security solutions."

In addition to defending against known exploits, DiscountASP.NET relies on the TippingPoint Digital Vaccine® real-time inoculation service

to safeguard against future risks. The service automatically updates the TippingPoint IPS with new security filters every week—more often if needed—to block the latest threats.

"The type and nature of attacks are constantly evolving, but our IPS will continue to defend our servers, even against zero-day threats," added Eto. "The Digital Vaccine service enables us to be very proactive in our security, but without much work on our part."

### Benefits\_Summary

Supported by its TippingPoint IPS, DiscountASP.NET now is providing the highest levels of hosting performance and availability. The firm is protecting its clients against DoS attacks, the SQL Slammer worm and other malicious traffic, eliminating disruptions to their Web sites and ecommerce businesses. Since its deployment, the security solution has blocked over 10 million malicious packets from jeopardizing the firm's services.

"Our TippingPoint IPS is an investment in our future," said Eto. "By offering the most secure and reliable Web hosting available, we now can differentiate ourselves in the marketplace to attract new customers. With TippingPoint's security professionals working for us day and night to protect our services, we're free to focus on our core competency and grow our business."

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