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TRUSTED COMPUTING GROUP ANNOUNCES FIRST CERTIFIED PRODUCTS FOR TRUSTED NETWORK CONNECT NETWORK SECURITY STANDARDS

Certification Ensures Interoperability to Give IT Choice and Ease Integration

LAS VEGAS, April 26, 2010 – IT buyers looking for products to ensure endpoint integrity and network security now can find the first certified products supporting the widely implemented [Trusted Network Connect](#) specifications from the [Trusted Computing Group](#).

Certified products include the [Juniper Networks EX3200 and EX4200 Series Ethernet Switches](#) and the [TNC@FHH](#) open source implementation of Trusted Network Connect, including a TNC server as an extension to FreeRADIUS, integrity measurement collection and verification and policy management. As more products are certified, a list will be maintained at <http://www.trustedcomputinggroup.org/certification>.

“With the TNC certification program, IT buyers evaluating network security solutions can have confidence that the products they’re evaluating correctly implement the TNC specifications and work together in the enterprise,” noted Steve Hanna, TNC work group co-chair and distinguished engineer, Juniper Networks.

Interoperability provides several critical benefits to enterprises. By avoiding vendor lock-in, they can choose best of breed solutions and reduce acquisition costs. Interoperability with already purchased equipment results in lower capital costs and faster ROI. Pre-certified and tested compatibility ensures easy deployment with low risk. Certification also increases security, because the specifications tested have been created and vetted by a group of the world’s most knowledgeable security experts.

Vendors with certified products benefit because their products will be preferred by customers. Costs for testing, integration, and support are reduced.

The TNC certification program covers the TNC specifications IF-IMC (InterFace for Integrity Measurement Collectors), IF-IMV (InterFace for Integrity Measurement Verifiers), and IF-PEP (InterFace for Policy Enforcement Points). Before receiving TNC certification, products are thoroughly tested for specification compliance and for interoperability with other certified products. Certification of implementations of other TNC specifications will be added in the near future. More information on the certification program is available at <http://www.trustedcomputinggroup.org/certification>.

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Interoperability Testing Event Held

A key element of TNC certification is interoperability testing. TCG has conducted TNC interoperability events (called “TNC PlugFests”) for the last four years and recently completed the fifth such event. The certified products were tested with a wide variety of other products, using typical enterprise usage scenarios. In addition to Juniper Networks and FHH, other TNC PlugFest participants included Boeing, Infoblox, Insightix, and Lumeta. A total of fourteen implementations of the IF-PEP and IF-MAP standards were tested.

About TNC

Trusted Network Connect (TNC) is an open, non-proprietary architecture and set of specifications that enable the application and enforcement of security requirements for endpoints connecting to the corporate network. The specifications are available for download free of charge to any interested party. The TNC architecture helps IT organizations enforce corporate configuration requirements and to prevent and detect malware outbreaks, as well as the resulting security breaches and downtime in multi-vendor networks. Dozens of products implement various TNC specifications. A diagram of these is available at http://www.trustedcomputinggroup.org/developers/trusted_network_connect.

About TCG

Trusted Computing Group, an industry organization that enables computing security, has created a portfolio of specifications to enable more secure computing across the enterprise in PCs, servers, networking gear, applications, other software, storage and embedded devices. More information and the organization’s specifications and work groups are available at the Trusted Computing Group’s website, www.trustedcomputinggroup.org. Follow TCG on Twitter at www.twitter.com/trustedcomputin or check the organization’s LinkedIn or Facebook groups.

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