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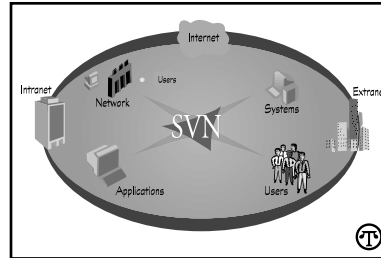
Network Security: Protecting Your Business

(NAPSA)—The Y2K “crisis” has come and gone—barely registering on the corporate landscape—leaving companies free to address a more serious, and realistic, problem: network security.

Not long ago, many network managers believed that installing a basic firewall delivered adequate security. But today, the Internet extends deep into many corporations, blurring the line between private and public networks. As the Internet touches more elements of the network, a corporation’s security deployment must keep pace to guarantee the protection of all network resources and business communications.

In order to meet the dual, often conflicting demands of providing both security and openness, a corporate security infrastructure must encompass all elements of business: networks, systems, applications and users. Just as importantly, security must not restrict the openness and accessibility of the network. Any strategy that relies upon limiting access to services, users and network resources is doomed to fail.

Fortunately, there are now solutions available to provide a comprehensive, integrated framework for deploying and managing an Internet security implementation. For example, Check Point’s Secure Virtual Network (SVN) architecture enables security managers to define and enforce a single policy that incorporates all aspects of network security—servers, desktop PCs, remote clients, cell phones, personal digital assistants and more.



New security systems can help keep networks safe without restricting employee access.

The SVN architecture eliminates the need to deploy a patchwork security solution comprised of multiple, non-integrated products. It was designed to meet the security, reliability and manageability requirements of demanding e-business environments, incorporating firewall security, virtual private networks, Internet address management and more.

Even with “bulletproof” security, users and applications must receive the necessary performance to maximize the usefulness of the network. For example, with SVN, partners are able to access “extranets” from within the corporate network, while remote users can safely log in from their laptops or PDAs.

Delivering the right quality of service is imperative to maintaining the performance and utility of the enterprise network, and a comprehensive security solution can help keep business running smoothly.

To learn more about Check Point’s Secure Virtual Network architecture, visit the website at www.checkpoint.com.