

# How OKENA Is Positioned Favorably vs Distributed Firewalls

Distributed firewalls, DFWs, deploy firewall functionality directly on servers and desktops. While personal firewalls are often designed for home use, a DFW must contain a management capability to make it suitable to enterprises. In addition to traditional firewall functionality, many of today's DFWs also include combinations of IDS and

content pattern matching features. Leading distributed firewall vendors are Sygate, InfoExpress and F-Secure.

### Distributed Firewall strengths:

- ?? DFWs do protect against internal and external users.
- ?? DFWs allow IT to specify addresses and ports to protect individual servers and desktops from inappropriate network use.
- ?? DFWs have a management capability designed for the enterprise.

#### Distributed Firewall limitations:

- ?? DFWs do not have application visibility. Thus they cannot distinguish between a production web server or a Trojan horse use of Internet ports and protocols.
- ?? DFWs may require significant resource to configure and maintain address and port settings.
- ?? DFWs do not protect against damage to the file system or application data once the network packet is passed to the operating system.

## OKENA StormWatch strengths:

- ?? OKENA goes beyond DFW in preventing damage from file and network attacks that Pattern Matching technologies cannot detect.
- ?? OKENA's customizable rules allow IT to control network access by application.
- ?? OKENA provides a scalable administration model designed for the enterprise.

**DFW** Lifecycle of an Attack Okena Ping Addresses Yes Yes Scan Ports Yes Yes Guess Passwords Χ Χ **Guess Mail Users** Χ Χ Penetrate Mail Attachments Yes Yes Yes\* Buffer Overflows Yes ActiveX Controls Yes Χ Χ Network Installs Yes Χ Compressed Messages Yes Backdoors Yes Yes **Persist** Create New Files Yes Χ Modify Existing Files Χ Yes Weaken Registry Security Settings Yes Χ Install New Services Yes Yes Χ Register Trap Doors **Propagate** Mail Copy of Attack Yes Χ Web Connection Yes Χ Yes IRC Yes FTP Yes Yes Infect File Shares Yes Χ **Paralyze** Delete Files Χ Yes Modify Files Yes Χ Drill Security Hole Yes Χ Crash Computer Yes Χ Denial of Service Yes Χ Steal Secrets Yes Х

Preventative Security Provided During an Attack

?? OKENA's distributed behavior enforcement proactively detects POA sweeping.

## Bottom Line message:

Distributed Firewalls solve only a small part of the security problem. OKENA's behavior enforcement technology goes far beyond DFW in protecting servers and desktops from attacks. OKENA includes basic DFW features and also prevents damage based on correlating file and network operations.