



Spirent Communications' TeraMetrics Test Solution Selected by ADTRAN to Benchmark Scalability of Security Solution

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TeraVPN proves scalability of ADTRAN's NetVanta 2000 Series

VPN/firewall products

Spirent Communications(TM), a wholly owned business group of Spirent plc (NYSE:SPM) (LSE:SPT), today announced its equipment has been selected by ADTRAN(TM), Inc. to test the NetVanta 2000 Series. The Spirent TeraVPN performance analysis solution, based on the TeraMetrics(TM) platform, is being used by ADTRAN, a leading manufacturer of telecommunications equipment, to validate the VPN tunnel capacity of their NetVanta 2000 Series of VPN/firewall devices.

The NetVanta 2000 Series of scalable security solutions include IPSec standards-based VPN gateways with integrated stateful inspection firewall, for providing secure communications over the Internet. Spirent's TeraVPN solution was used to verify the scalability of the ADTRAN security solution by validating the maximum number of VPN tunnels supported by each device within the series.

"When we made our test equipment selection for the NetVanta 2000 Series of VPN/firewall devices, we chose to invest in a VPN/firewall test system that would not only meet, but exceed, our current testing requirements," said Steve Shipley, ADTRAN director of product qualification. "The Spirent solution enables us to demonstrate one of the strengths of the NetVanta 2000 Series of products -- the ability to generate up to 1,000 secure VPN tunnels without degradation of service."

TeraVPN is one of the many applications supported on the award-winning TeraMetrics platform, which is designed to address the challenges of next generation network testing. The TeraMetrics platform was introduced in early 2001 and has since evolved to meet new customer requirements, including generation of millions of routes with multiple routing protocols simultaneously, testing complex security protocols such as IPSec and SSL, as well as performing various application-level measurements.

The TeraMetrics architecture is a comprehensive test platform that covers a wide range of capabilities for testing switches, routers, Web appliances, DSLAMS, and access concentrators at speeds from 10 Mbps to 10 Gbps. The TeraMetrics platform was awarded "Best of Show" in the Test and Measurement category at the Network+Interop, Spring 2000 tradeshow. TeraMetrics has been used widely throughout public and private industry tests to validate claims by most of the industry-leading network equipment manufacturers. For more information about the TeraMetrics platform visit www.spirentcom.com/terametrics.

"Spirent's TeraVPN solution helps accelerate the development and validation of new technology, providing companies like ADTRAN with a feature-rich platform ideally suited for their current as well as future testing needs," said Bahaa Moukadam, vice president of marketing, Spirent Communications, Performance Analysis -- Broadband. "Network equipment manufacturers and service providers have been wanting a complete range of testing solutions in a single product for a long time. The TeraMetrics platform delivers the widest range of test applications on the same card, making it the most cost effective solution in the industry."

About ADTRAN

ADTRAN, Inc. is an established supplier of advanced transmission products for today's expansive telecommunications networks. ADTRAN products support all major digital technologies, including fiber, T3, T1, E1, wireless T1/E1, ATM, Frame Relay, SHDSL, VPN, SDSL, HDSL, HDSL2, ISDN, and DDS. According to Gartner/Dataquest and IDC, ADTRAN has gained the leading market position in enterprise integrated access devices and HDSL, while maintaining its leadership position for the fourth year in a row in T1 and subrate CSU/DSUs, Frame Relay/DDS extension, and ISDN extension. ADTRAN equipment serves the major Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers, interexchange carriers, ISPs, Competitive Local Exchange Carriers, international service providers, public and private enterprises, and original equipment manufacturers.

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About Spirent Communications

Spirent Communications is a worldwide provider of integrated performance analysis and service assurance systems for next-generation network technologies. Spirent's solutions accelerate the profitable development and deployment of network equipment and services by emulating real-world conditions in the lab and assuring end-to-end performance of large-scale networks. www.spirentcom.com

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