

QUALYS INTRODUCES FREE NETWORK DISCOVERY SERVICE

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Powerful new service pushes widespread awareness for network security

London, 20 May 2003 – Qualys™, Inc., the market leader in on-demand security audits and vulnerability management, today introduced Qualys FreeMap™, a complimentary Web-based network discovery service enabling companies to identify easily all network entry points and devices that should be secured from attacks. Qualys FreeMap is available IMMEDIATELY via any Web browser by registering at <http://freemap.qualys.com>.

For many companies, the essential problem is that they do not have an in-depth knowledge of their own networks. Often large corporations do not even know how many IPs they possess. In addition, the proliferation of wireless access points – many unauthorised – has left their systems much wider open to attack. FreeMap provides organisations with an essential discovery tool absolutely free of charge.

“In today’s highly charged security environment, one rogue device or one insecure access point can open an enterprise network to devastating security risks. Knowing where those weaknesses are in the network is the first step to protection,” said Richard Clarke, former US White House advisor on cyber-security. “I applaud Qualys’ efforts to bring powerful new services that drive widespread awareness for network security. The fact that it’s free makes it even more accessible to enterprises.”

Richard Clarke inaugurated the new Web-based security service yesterday at a special CSO Forum in Boston. Corporate CSOs gathered with Clarke and IDC analyst, Allan Carey, and other experts to explore the security risks threatening corporations and the practices and policies helping drive protection. In the wake of new regulations and with the growing severity of network security attacks, CSOs across all industries are actively employing new methods to enforce security policies, comply with regulations and ensure remediation of network vulnerabilities.

“Today’s enterprise networks are highly complex, with multiple points of entry such as wireless access, VPN connectivity and more. Security administrators are seeking effective tools to identify all of these entry points and manage any vulnerabilities they uncover,” said Allan Carey, senior security analyst “Qualys’ On-Demand platform and the FreeMap service give organisations a way to understand their network composition, monitor all entry points, perform regular security audits and resolve potential problems – all without the time and resource burden of installing traditional software and hardware products.”

Qualys FreeMap leverages the Qualys' On-Demand Network Security platform, which provides organisations with an automated way to perform regular security audits, vulnerability management and remediation. Over 1,000 companies have already subscribed to the unique service with recent new customers including BASF, ICI, Novartis, Rockwell Automation, R.R. Donnelley, California State Lottery and many others.

“Our job as an industry is to provide the services that help organisations quickly and easily audit their security status and take proactive measures to protect their network,” said Philippe Courtot, Chairman and CEO of Qualys. “FreeMap is a simple, but powerful way to help CSOs gain control of their network. With the growing severity of security threats and the need for regulatory compliance, these types of tools are becoming even more critical.”

About Qualys FreeMap

Qualys FreeMap is a Web-based network discovery service enabling companies to identify all network entry points and devices that should be secured from attacks, such as Web servers, routers, VPN servers and wireless access points. The service allows users to find all connected devices in a given domain, gather information about those devices such as their operating system, and create a topographical map of the network. Qualys FreeMap also queries DNS records to identify obsolete and rogue devices within a given domain. The service is then able to catalogue and visually represent the network topology on a regular basis enabling changes to be tracked and analysed as they occur. The FreeMap service also provides users with a one-time vulnerability scan delivering a comprehensive security audit report in minutes. Qualys FreeMap is a complimentary service available immediately via any Web browser by registering at <http://freemap.qualys.com> .

About Qualys

Qualys Inc. provides a comprehensive, on-demand security audit and vulnerability management service for the enterprise. With Qualys, organisations can effectively gain control over their network security by auditing their networks regularly and managing their vulnerabilities to remediation with centralised reports and one-click links to verified remedies. Because the service is delivered over the Web, companies can run network security audits any time, and get the results delivered in minutes without the cost of software or hardware deployment and maintenance. Qualys is headquartered in Redwood Shores, California. European headquarters are in Paris, with additional offices in the UK and Germany. More than 1000 subscribers rely upon QualysGuard for their network security audits and vulnerability management. These include ABN-AMRO, Adobe Systems, Apple Computer, AXA, BASF, BlueCross BlueShield, Cartier, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Hewlett Packard, Rockwell Automation, TAG Heuer and the Thomson Corporation. For more information about Qualys, please visit <http://www.qualys.com> .

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