



SENSORY NETWORKS' SOFTWARE ACCELERATION PRODUCTS COMPLETE NSS LABS TESTING FOR IPS

Rigorous testing by NSS Labs, the independent security product test and certification organization, benchmarks the performance, robustness and scalability of Sensory's new software-only acceleration technology operating on Intel® Xeon® platforms

PALO ALTO, Calif. – April 8th, 2008 – Sensory Networks, the leader in acceleration technology for network security applications, today announced their new FastChannel™ and HyperScan™ software acceleration libraries were the first products of their kind to be tested by NSS Labs (NSS), a world leader in independent security product testing and certification.

Using their extensive Intrusion Prevention (IPS) test and certification program, NSS successfully tested and rated Sensory's software libraries in accelerating Snort® IPS version 2.8 while supporting the full VRT rule set and operating on an Intel® Xeon® multi-core platform, configured for the mid-sized enterprise market. These tests gave a comprehensive review of all the application performance corner cases including: throughput performance (for large and small packet traffic), latency, accuracy and reliability.

FastChannel and HyperScan are easy-to-integrate software libraries tailored to operate on off-the-shelf Intel silicon, providing tremendous benefits in the price/performance of security platforms. In contrast to using custom silicon or other acceleration hardware, this represents a clear paradigm shift in the security appliance market.

"Sensory's software has achieved impressive performance results considering the modest hardware employed," said Vikram Phatak, CEO for NSS Labs. "Their products were tested to our rigorous specifications and performed very well across every criterion. Latency and throughput performance, under heavy attack traffic conditions, were solid."

"We are proud to have achieved such excellent results from the testing of our products by NSS," said Darren Williams, CEO for Sensory Networks. "We targeted the mid-sized enterprise market for our first product milestone and have delivered a value proposition unmatched in the marketplace. Through 2008 we will continue to build on this successful release, with a roadmap focused on price/performance scalability and application diversity."

"These results demonstrate the advantage of using multi-core Intel Xeon processors for security products that demand high performance, scalability and cost-effective deployment," said Rose Schooler, general manager, Intel Performance Products Division.

NSS Labs operates a transparent, scientifically repeatable certification process, ensuring the highest levels of independence, diligence and integrity. The company performs real-world product testing, employing full application layer traffic, real verifiable exploits and live hosts. NSS Labs' state-of-the-art suite contains over 1,500 individual tests that were designed to stretch the limits of IPS and other products to appropriate use cases and protective requirements, ranging from datacenter, ecommerce datacenter, perimeter, and remote office/retail storefront. The 2008 NSS test reports and summary findings will ensure readers have the most comprehensive and up-to-date review of leading solutions to guide organizations looking to source IPS and other IT technology.

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About NSS Labs

Founded in 1991, NSS Labs is the globally recognized leader in independent security and performance testing and certification. NSS Labs performs the most comprehensive, high-performance security validation in the industry. Our proven methodologies reflect real-world traffic and usage conditions, helping information security professionals understand how products will work in their environments. Clients include brand names like IBM, Cisco, Juniper Networks, SourceFire, McAfee, Fortinet and Radware. For more information, visit: www.nsslabs.com.

About Sensory Networks

Sensory Networks is a provider of software pattern matching and content processing acceleration solutions that enable network security equipment vendors to significantly improve the price/performance of their platforms that support resource intensive applications such as Antivirus (AV), Intrusion Prevention (IPS) applications and Content Filtering. The Company's FastChannel and HyperScan software accelerator libraries, while running on low cost, off the shelf platforms and motherboards, are designed to operate with a wide range of applications, both commercial and open-source, and provide up to 8Gbps throughput performance with the potential to scale to 10Gbps in specific environments. Headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif., Sensory Networks has a regional office in Sydney. www.sensorynetworks.com

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