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Microsoft Forefront & En Pointe's Security Services

TOP 10 REASONS TO UPGRADE

What exactly is Forefront? In a word, Forefront is about security. Forefront is a set of products from Microsoft that work together with your existing IT infrastructure to help maintain security. Forefront is divided into three main parts:

- Forefront Client Security. This is a single product that runs on a client desktop.
- Forefront Server Security. This is a set of products that run on the servers.
- Forefront Edge, which deals with interactions with the rest of the Internet (that is, it applies to the outer "edge" of your network).

Forefront Client Security

The Client Security system consists of software installed on the individual desktops and laptops that works together with central software running on a server, to guard against many different kinds of threats. Such coverage includes not only viruses but other threats such as trojans and even spyware and root kits.

Forefront Server Security

The Server Security line primarily centers on security products for Exchange Server and SharePoint. It includes several individual products:

- Microsoft Forefront Security for Exchange Server
- Microsoft Forefront Security for SharePoint
- Microsoft Forefront Server Security Management Console
- Antigen for Instant Messaging (also called Microsoft Forefront Security for Office Communications Server)

The primary goal of these products is to protect against attacks such as viruses and spam, while making use of additional third-party anti-virus scan engines.

Included with the set of software is the Security Management Console, providing a central Web-based point from which administrators can manage the security products on the server.

Forefront Security for Exchange Server uses a layered defense to provide several levels of protection, guarding against viruses, worms, and spam coming through the server. The software is highly optimized, however, to make sure that the multiple layers do not negatively impact performance.

Similarly, Forefront Security for SharePoint brings together virus engines from multiple vendors to fight against viruses and other threats. Since SharePoint handles document sharing, Forefront will help eliminate infected documents.

Additionally, the system can be configured to guard against documents containing sensitive, confidential content from leaving the network, as well as inappropriate content from remaining within network.

Forefront Edge

Forefront Edge is used to protect your network during interaction with the outside world, as well as interaction between branch offices. Edge covers three main areas:

- Secure Remote Access, providing security for employees and partners regardless of location.
- Branch Office Security, providing security for remote office sites.
- Internet Access Protection, providing security against Internet threats

Two products are used to accomplish these three tasks. These two products, which make up the Forefront Edge line of products, are:

- Microsoft Internet Security and Acceleration (ISA) Server 2006
- Intelligent Application Gateway (IAG) 2007

The ISA product provides security on the edge of the network, while IAG helps safeguard the network when accessed from any location.

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