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TippingPoint and Critical Watch Launch Vulnerability Management Collaboration

Integration of Intrusion Prevention and Vulnerability Management Solutions Enhances Security and Compliance Posture

RSA CONFERENCE 2009 – April 20, 2009 – [TippingPoint](#), a leader in intrusion prevention, and **[Critical Watch](#)** today announced a strategic collaboration that gives organizations enhanced capabilities for defending against network threats. Specifically, the integrated solution enables companies to quickly identify network vulnerabilities within their unique environment, compare those to current Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) settings, and make adjustments to those settings to ensure protection of the vulnerable hosts. By exchanging information between the two products, organizations are able to easily improve security, achieve compliance with regulatory requirements and reduce total cost of operation.

The integration of the [TippingPoint® Intrusion Prevention System \(IPS\)](#) and the Critical Watch FusionVM solution extends beyond basic threat-to-vulnerability correlation offering customers a comprehensive process for connecting IPS and vulnerability management functions. The joint solution works by mapping the FusionVM vulnerability library to corresponding filters from [TippingPoint's Digital Vaccine® \(DV\) service](#). For security administrators that are dealing with an ever-evolving threat landscape, this mapping provides a view of which DV filters are turned on, how they map to the current threat and what other security options are available to mitigate the attack.

“This combined solution saves me valuable time by providing a single source for viewing my vulnerability posture in comparison to available IPS coverage and then enabling a process to easily tune filters based on that information,” said Scott Engel, director of IT infrastructure for Transplace. “TippingPoint and Critical Watch have brought a truly forward looking solution to the marketplace that greatly simplifies and streamlines the security management challenge.”

In addition to improving enterprises' security posture, the integration also allows administrators to automate and demonstrate key processes for compliance. It is becoming increasingly important for companies to automate and document the security controls

they have in place. The combination of TippingPoint's leading security protection and the work flow management features of FusionVM provide customers with the audit and tracking capabilities necessary to ease compliance efforts

“Regulatory compliance is a major concern for our customers,” said David Laizerovich, president and CEO at Critical Watch. “The integrated offering with TippingPoint, provides our customers with a holistic solution that not only saves time and money by automating threat mitigation, but also documents the entire process ensuring regulatory compliance.”

According to Alan Kessler, president of TippingPoint, “We are excited to partner with Critical Watch. The integration of our two technologies helps customers align threat detection with vulnerability management efforts and provides clear, actionable data that allows them move quickly to protect their systems.”

TippingPoint and Critical Watch will jointly market this integrated solution at the RSA Conference 2009 on April 20-24, 2009 in San Francisco, California at both the TippingPoint booth (#1432) and Critical Watch booth (#442). For more information on the TippingPoint and Critical Watch collaboration, visit www.tippingpoint.com/cw.

About Critical Watch

Critical Watch is a leading provider of security risk management and compliance solutions that enable a comprehensive business process for integrating vulnerability management across the enterprise. In addition to its FusionVM suite of products and services, Critical Watch provides PCI Compliance services as a certified vendor. Critical Watch clients are Global 2000 enterprises across verticals such as healthcare, financial services, state and local government, e-commerce and manufacturing. FusionVM empowers organizations to:

- Efficiently and effectively manage business critical risks across the enterprise
- Establish better visibility, measurability and control over their security function
- Coordinate and embed a preventive process across all operational groups
- Validate regulatory and policy compliance

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About TippingPoint

[TippingPoint](http://www.tippingpoint.com) is a leading global provider of comprehensive network security solutions that address the security and regulatory compliance needs of complex network environments for enterprises, government agencies, service providers and academic institutions. With the TippingPoint IPS-Secured Network, which includes the TippingPoint® Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) and Network Access Control (NAC) solution, network infrastructure, applications, and critical data are protected from malicious cyber attacks. TippingPoint's 360° approach to network security enables enterprises to enforce security policies across all users, devices, traffic flows and content; while preserving existing infrastructure and ensuring business continuity to help lower total cost of ownership. TippingPoint's security intelligence is powered by DVLabs, TippingPoint's premier team of expert internal researchers for vulnerability analysis and

discovery. DV Labs is supplemented by over 900 external Zero Day Initiative researchers. For more information, please visit www.tippingpoint.com, or the press center at <http://www.tippingpoint.com/press>.

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