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### Athena Security pre-announces the release of a new plug-in for cross-vendor migration analysis

*The new functionality will be available on May 15th as an add-on option for Athena FirePAC 3.0*

**May 4, 2009, Lombard IL, Athena Security**, the leader in affordable, downloadable products for auditing enterprise firewalls, announces the upcoming availability of FirePAC's plug-in for cross-vendor migration analysis.

The plug-in will be the first commercially available product to identify the behavioral impact of a converted configuration from Cisco to Checkpoint. Because the languages and architectures of these device vendors are so different, most migration projects were too costly and error-prone to be realistically considered by most companies.

These projects entail days or weeks of manual testing to try and understand if the conversion was performed correctly. Security testing, however, is difficult to get complete and unlikely to uncover all possible risks. This leaves customers exposed to two major issues:

#### **Are my critical business services still available? Did I reduce my security posture by conducting the migration?**

"These questions are so difficult because the science of firewall behavior is still commonly misunderstood," says Adarsh Arora, CEO of Athena Security. "Predicting how rule order and rule interactions affect the data flow through the firewall is beyond the realistic possibility of manual analysis. The problem is multiplied by firewalls containing rule sets numbering in the thousands of rules, multiple network interfaces, and hundreds of network objects that contain hundreds of individual hosts or subnets. Athena's products automate this analysis so that complex firewalls can be analyzed within minutes."

Athena's solution normalizes the architectural differences between the vendors and calculates a true assessment of how well the conversion worked. Any conversion effort is certain to result in some gaps between the original and target configuration. Athena helps identify those gaps and offers operational detail to correct the high priority differences.

The new Athena migration plug-in is the only solution to show how NATs and routes are handled differently for each policy translation. It also identifies the specific rule changes required to remediate the risks that were identified as part of the conversion.

With the new migration support from Athena, companies can swap out firewalls without disrupting critical business services or introducing new security holes.

The plug-in will be available on May 15th for \$1,000 per firewall for licensed FirePAC users. For more information, please see <http://www.athenasecurity.net> or contact the Athena Security sales department at 630-353-1900.

#### **About Athena Security**

Athena Security offers products to reduce the reliance on securing the network infrastructure by testing. With a comprehensive focus on firewall behavior through configuration data, Athena uncovers all possible firewall design risks and errors so that they can be actively removed and mitigated. Over 300 companies are using FirePAC to audit and mature their firewalls for meeting security best practices and complying with PCI requirements.

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