

## **Network and security engineers have a new free tool in their arsenal courtesy of Athena Security, a firewall configuration analyzer called Firewall Browser**

*Athena's Firewall Browser was introduced at SANS Orlando 2010 to over 1100 attendees*

Thursday, March 10 2010 – Chicago IL -- Athena Security announces the release of Firewall Browser, a free tool for searching Cisco, Check Point and Netscreen configurations that is powerful and flexible enough to support IT departments of all sizes and process requirements. Firewall browser is available as a free download with no limitations, user license restrictions or registration hurdles from [www.athenasecurity.net](http://www.athenasecurity.net).

Athena chose the SANS Orlando 2010 Conference to unveil the new free tool, and working with conference organizers, distributed Firewall Browser to over 1100 network and security engineers in attendance, an oversubscribed showing for one of the premier and most comprehensive security training conferences. Just within 24 hours of announcing the tool, an additional 480 engineers downloaded the product directly from Athena's website.

Firewall Browser offers capabilities that network/security engineers will want to consult every time a change request is made or whenever troubleshooting on firewalls becomes necessary. The tool immensely eases the challenges to determine if the change is already covered by other rules, understand the impact of modifying objects, identify how existing conventions can be reused to keep the configurations manageable, or the right location for adding the new rule so service availability is maintained to critical hosts.

Firewall Browser was developed in the spirit of other legendary free and open source network tools like Nessus or Snort, based on the value that functionally-rich non-commercial alternatives should exist for practitioners who need access to reliable solutions for real environments. By releasing the Firewall Browser for free, Athena is shifting dynamics away from vendors and giving the power to users to pay only for solutions where they find even greater productivity gains, technology advancements and complimentary product offerings.

"We selected one of our most popular features to offer a free tool. This is not throw-away functionality, but rather significantly useful. We believe this is the right way to attract customers to the additional tools available from Athena," said Adarsh Arora, CEO of Athena Security.

### **Firewall Browser is the first and only tool to provide the powerful ability to:**

- Search rulebases based on address or service ranges -- the way change requests are actually made
- Fully explore object hierarchies, among object or from rules, regardless of how deep the values are nested
- Make searches on a mixed vendor inventory from a single convenient place
- Use it on an unlimited number of supported firewalls for unlimited searches -- with no license expiration

End-users may download the free tool directly from [www.athenasecurity.net](http://www.athenasecurity.net). Service providers are required to first make special license arrangements by contacting Athena Security at [partners@athenasecurity.net](mailto:partners@athenasecurity.net).

### **About Athena Security**

Athena offers infrastructure analysis tools that identify the precise relationship between firewall rules and network services in a single device or across a complex network. With a comprehensive focus on configuration data, Athena helps network and security engineers perform what-if analysis that reduces the reliance on diagnostics and validation by testing. Over 300 companies turn to Athena products, Athena FirePAC and Athena Verify, for standardized and consistent intelligence to reduce the time and effort required for policy management on network security devices. For more information see <http://www.athenasecurity.net>.

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