



RainWall promises full-time security

New release allows internet connection redundancy

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NETWORK software developer Rainfinity has released a new version of its RainWall product, aimed at companies looking to maintain continuity of service to the internet.

RainWall 3, which Rainfinity claims is the first product to combine online firewall-based security with internet connectivity continuity management, is aimed at large companies that host their own internet services in-house, or those that need to maintain internet links to field workers or branch offices.

The product is intended to maintain both security and availability by combining the corporate firewall and an internet connection load balancer into one package, running on a single server. It works in conjunction with firewalls such as Check Point's Firewall-1 product.

'The high-availability technology has already been proven in the datacentre environment,' said



Schroeder: web access is essential

John Schroeder, vice president of business development at Rainfinity.

'With businesses being more dependent on interconnection with customers, suppliers and employees working outside of the Lan, all vital network resources such as VPN connections, access

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to web or intranet servers need to be maintained.'

The falling cost of broadband and leased-line internet and data links from ISPs and telcos is allowing more companies to install multiple lines of service, creating redundancy that can be exploited for connection load-balancing and fail-over in the event of an outage at one ISP.

'Companies now simply can't afford to be cut off for any length of time by a fault or an influx of incoming data traffic' said IDC analyst Carl Olofson.

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