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PRTG Network Monitor 8 Far Outperforms the Competition in Head-to-Head Test

German IT Magazine funkschau Dubs Paessler AG's Flagship Monitoring Solution the Industry Standard

LOS ANGELES, CA and NUREMBERG, Germany (November 18th, 2010) – Paessler AG, a leading provider of network monitoring solutions, announced today that its flagship product, PRTG Network Monitor 8, has been named the recommended network monitoring solution by the German IT magazine funkschau, once again solidifying PRTG's position as the gold standard in the industry.

As part of a series of comprehensive tests, funkschau stacked PRTG against three other competing solutions and found PRTG rose to the top in all areas -- in particular citing its ease of installation, rich configuration options, versatility, scalability and transparent pricing as key differentiators.

In its evaluation, the magazine examined four leading monitoring solutions: Paessler's PRTG Network Monitor 8, Ipswitch's WhatsUp Gold Premium 14.3, ManageEngine's OpManager 8.7 and SolarWinds' Orion Network Performance Monitor 10.0. PRTG Network Monitor surpassed the others in all specified categories without qualification. The editorial staff endorsed PRTG Network Monitor, recommending readers put it at the top of their lists when planning to introduce a monitoring solution.

This is the just latest industry nod to PRTG: It also surpassed the competition late last year when Network Computing Germany pitted the 7.2 version against OpManager 8.0, WhatsUp Gold 14.0 and Orion Network Performance Monitor 9.5.

"We are very pleased to earn continued industry recognition for our ongoing efforts to develop, optimize and deliver the most highly-regarded network monitoring solution on the market," said Christian Twardawa, COO of Paessler AG. "Our unique set of features, superb ease-of-use and fair 'all-in-one' pricing model are pioneering, as these results and feedback from our customers confirm."

How PRTG Soars

According to the funkschau evaluation, PRTG Network Monitor is especially suitable to monitor device availability, bandwidth and utilization of network resources. A PRTG installation can employ up to 30,000 sensors and deliver continuous real-time data about the current state of the network and connected components, while enabling longer-term trend analysis based on these results. The test specifically highlighted the intuitive presentation and succinct analysis of the sensor data.

"When looking at a message or selecting the corresponding sensor, the program provides very good explanations, what is at stake and what the individual values and adjustable parameters stand for," the review states. "Multiple dashboards, charts and lists provide current system status and historical data in a sensible way. The filtering capabilities are first class."

Reviewers also applauded PRTG's Failover Cluster Feature, which allows up to five core servers to be connected, providing 100 percent availability, even through system updates and server failures. The test specifically acknowledges PRTG's superiority in multiple-points-of-presence monitoring.

"With this, all servers constantly monitor all sensors. This is interesting not only from the point of fault tolerance, but it allows the administrator, for example, to measure response times from different locations on the network, to compare and aggregate up and down times," the review states.

The testers also found PRTG's automatic network detection -- unlike the other tested solutions -- to be both accurate and complete. Also highlighted were the four available user interfaces: an Ajax-based Web interface, an HTML interface for browsers and mobile devices (IE 6/7, Android, Blackberry), a Windows GUI and an iPhone App. "Probably the most commonly used interface, Ajax, is elegant and easy to use," the review summarized.

Comprehensive Coverage Priced to Deliver

In their conclusion, funkschau editors cautioned readers not to fall into the "cost trap" of hastily choosing a supposedly low-priced solution only to find out too late that add-ons and plug-ins are extra. Unlike the competition, PRTG 8 includes comprehensive monitoring for all common network services (Ping, HTTP, HTTPS, POP3, DNS, etc.), QoS, Radius server, SLAs, Exchange and

Syslog servers, as well as SNMP and WMI, packet sniffing, NetFlow and sFlow standard sensors – all in one license at no extra cost.

To download a trial version of PRTG Network Monitor, or get more information, visit http://www.paessler.com/download.

About Paessler AG:
Paessler AG leads the industry in providing the most powerful, affordable and easy-to-use network monitoring and testing solutions. The company's suite of just-right software products deliver peace of mind, confidence and convenience for businesses of all sizes – from Small Office/Home Office (SOHO) to large enterprises, including more than 70% of the Fortune 100 companies. Based in Nuremberg, Germany, Paessler's global reach includes more than 150,000 active installations of its products. Founded in 1997, Paessler AG remains a privately held company and is recognized as both a member of the Cisco Developer Network and a VMWare Technology Alliance Partner. For more information, visit www.paessler.com.

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