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GigaVUE[®] High Density Data Access Switch Gains Quick Acceptance With Financial/Banking Networks

Gigamon's 10G Device, Already In Place at 45 Financial Services Companies, Offers Any-to-Any Connectivity to Solve Today's Vexing Monitoring Tool Deployment Problems

MILPITAS, CA – (April 2, 2009) – Gigamon, the global leading provider of intelligent data access networking™ (DAN) products, today announced that its GigaVUE[®] high-density Data Access Switch, recently introduced to the financial services industry, has already been installed in the data networks of nearly four dozen industry customers. The company credits the quick acceptance due to the device's ability to connect any number of network monitoring tools with custom filtering to multiple access points regardless of their respective data rates—enabling greater tool efficiency and immediate ROI.

The GigaVUE 2404 offers the most advanced aggregating, replicating, flow mapping and packet filtering capabilities of any data access switch on the market. DAN technology ensures that monitoring tools can be deployed immediately without impact to the network and can see traffic from the entire network, even across parallel or mesh topologies. Legacy 1GigE tools can be used to monitor newly installed 10GigE links using DAN Any-to-Any technology.

“Financial services companies have an overwhelming need to constantly monitor their data networks for security, performance and capacity,” said Patrick Leong, Gigamon chief technical officer. “The GigaVUE 2404 uniquely solves virtually all of the challenges posed by the current monitoring tool environment. From accommodating legacy 1GigE tools in 10GigE environments, to controlling access to sensitive data, the GigaVUE 2404 is the kind of switch network engineers have been waiting for.”

Featuring twenty-four 10GigE ports and four 1GigE ports in a low profile 2U chassis, the GigaVUE 2404's modular design allows network managers to deploy the exact number of ports necessary to accomplish their specific goals—no more and no less. The modular design begins with a minimum of eight ports and scales to a maximum of over 280 ports, to accommodate all current and future monitoring needs.

Gigamon's Data Access Network technology is a breakthrough for network engineers dealing with the increased number and variety of tools for intrusion detection, application monitoring, SOX compliance, forensic recording, network analysis and the like. Gigamon's intelligent DAN-equipped switches are packet-aware, meaning they can provide exactly the packets needed for a given tool to carry out its function. By virtue of their out-of-band connection, they can also do so without impacting network operations.

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Adding flexibility to the GigaVUE 2404's configuration options is its hot-swappable, three-blade architecture. The base chassis houses eight 10GigE ports and four 1GigE ports as well as the CPU, a 244 Gbps full-duplex switching capacity forwarding engine with serial and Ethernet management ports.

Optional second and third slot blades each have eight 10GigE ports available in two flavors: GigaPORT and GigaTAP. GigaPORT blades ports are commonly used to receive traffic from SPAN ports or taps and to send traffic to passive monitoring tools. GigaTAP blades have four full-duplex 10GigE TAPs and can simultaneously tap up to 4 different 10 Gbps links per blade.

“With the need to monitor networks for an ever increasing set of regulatory and management purposes, TAP or SPAN ports can be overwhelmed,” explained Leong. “The strong success we’ve experienced in the financial services sector tells us that the GigaVUE 2404 is solving problems and providing the exceptional flexibility and security that IT staffs demand.”

For more information on the GigaVUE 2404 data access switch, including a product brief and online presentation, visit www.gigamon.com/gigavue-2404.php.

About Gigamon:

Gigamon invents and manufactures innovative solutions for data access networks. Its flagship product, GigaVUE®, can support multiple out-of-band monitoring tools for compliance, security, troubleshooting and analysis, sidestepping the hassles presented when too few SPAN ports are available. It also can aggregate and intelligently filter packets from many SPANs or TAPs to one or multiple tools to solve the problem of monitoring flows across complex mesh topologies and virtual networks. GigaVUE® data access switches significantly reduce customers' capital budgets and yield immediate ROI benefits. For more information about Gigamon and its award-winning solutions, visit www.gigamon.com.

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