

We bolster network infrastructure with Fortinet - blueAPACHE

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<https://www.blueapache.com/blog/technology-decisions-blueapache-bolsters-network-infrastructure-with-fortinet>

Details:

July 29, 2022: we have added Fortinet Security Fabric-powered software-defined wide area networking (SD-WAN), next-generation firewalls (NGFWs) and secure access service edge solutions (SASE) to our emPOWER Connectivity offering. This completes the final phase of our \$6 million, multi-phase refresh of the core emPOWER network infrastructure. emPOWER Connectivity is a managed fabric that provides secure connectivity from any location, on demand, including across global data centres, private and public clouds, physical premises and remote access. The upgrade provides the global managed services company with an enhanced, fit-for-purpose, and feature-rich managed connectivity offering for mid- to large-sized enterprises, supporting our ability to service customers.

“The market is changing and, along with it, the dynamic of how IT services and applications are consumed. This is being driven by changing laws and regulations, increasing IT security threats and the shift towards hybrid work environments made possible by the accelerated adoption of software-as-a-service (SaaS) and advanced tools that let employees work from anywhere, anytime,” said Michael Zuppa, general manager – technology, blueAPACHE. “blueAPACHE wanted to expand its managed fabric that provides secure connectivity with SD-WAN, NGFW and SASE to provide consistent enforcement and time to value with automation efficiency. To do this, we needed a fabric approach that would extend across all layers and levels of the network regardless of location or topology of standard or traditional-based networks. Fortinet, with its security fabric approach, was the ideal technology partner to help blueAPACHE achieve these objectives. With these enhanced capabilities, emPOWER Connectivity continues to address the changing landscape delivering a more consistent user experience as well as greater transparency and visibility through a real-time self-service portal and reliable security enforcement,” he said.

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What Fortinet-powered technologies did the announcement add to emPOWER Connectivity?

We have added Fortinet Security Fabric-powered software-defined wide area networking (SD-WAN), next-generation firewalls (NGFWs) and secure access service edge solutions (SASE) to our emPOWER Connectivity offering.

What does this Fortinet addition complete for you?

It completes the final phase of our \$6 million, multi-phase refresh of the core emPOWER network infrastructure.

What is emPOWER Connectivity?

emPOWER Connectivity is a managed fabric that provides secure connectivity from any location, on demand, including across global data centres, private and public clouds, physical premises and remote access.

Who commented on the Fortinet partnership for you, and what was their role?

Michael Zuppa, general manager – technology within our business, commented on the partnership.

Why did you say the market and IT service consumption dynamics are changing?

According to Michael Zuppa, this is being driven by changing laws and regulations, increasing IT security threats, and the shift towards hybrid work environments made possible by the accelerated adoption of software-as-a-service (SaaS) and advanced tools that let employees work from anywhere, anytime.

Why did blueAPACHE choose Fortinet for this expansion?

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What benefits does the enhanced emPOWER Connectivity deliver to users?

It delivers a more consistent user experience as well as greater transparency and visibility through a real-time self-service portal and reliable security enforcement.

When was this announcement about blueAPACHE and Fortinet published?

The announcement is dated July 29, 2022, and was published on July 30, 2022.

How are FortiGate and FortiClient EMS used in the documented Archers deployment?

The Archers case study describes FortiGate firewall appliances and a hosted high-availability firewall hub, alongside FortiClient EMS VPN for remote access. FortiClient EMS is software for endpoint/VPN management, not a firewall appliance. This example does not define every customer's deployment.

Has Fortinet recognized your partnership performance?

Yes, Fortinet awarded blueAPACHE the "Fortinet Australian Fastest Growth Partner of the Year: 2021," recognizing our expertise and growth within the partnership.

Can you give an example of a client that benefited from your Fortinet-powered security infrastructure?

Archers The Strata Professionals, a Queensland-based strata management company, benefited from Fortinet-powered security infrastructure when we modernized its network environment, including dedicated firewall architecture replacing shared firewall configurations.

Where can readers view the full original article about this announcement?

The full article can be viewed via a link to technologydecisions.com.au, titled 'blueapache-bolsters-network-infrastructure-with-fortinet'.