

## At a glance

The new UTM appliance from gateProtect - averts hack attacks and simplifies configuration

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**H**umans as a risk factor "A firewall system is only secure if the user can operate it properly" - this statement holds true for gateProtect, the German supplier of UTM (Unified Thread Management) appliances. For this reason, the producer has developed its own eGUI (ergonomic Graphic User Interface), which allows settings to be visualised and IT staff to make the most of the options it offers. The "Windows Application Command Center V2" shows the objects in the network graphically, structured by servers, clients and by the employees or groups linked into the network.

The simple drag and drop mechanism is key. To create a new object, the appropri-

ate icon can be dragged from the toolbar to the desktop. Then the object and its properties are defined with a menu window. New groups can also be set up in this way. Nodes and access rules can be created with an editor which displays or hides various network services and protocols.

There are very useful extras such as the dedicated display of selected nodes. Clicking on an object displays all the available network services in the left-hand window section. The producer has also integrated a clearly laid out view of the levels in the interface.

In addition to typical firewall functions (handling VPN connections), the solution has web access control, quality-of-service

and traffic-shaping functions, and intrusion detection software (the open-source solution from SNORT). The Commtouch spam filter and Kaspersky virus scanner are optional (30 days free of cost, then a licence must be bought). ←



Safely into the network: gateProtect's UTM Firewall Appliance



### UTM-Firewall-Appliance

**Producer:** gateProtect

**Price:** from around 750 swiss francs

**Pluses:** graphical user interface, operation, transparency, support

**Minuses:** only for Windows

**Conclusion:** gateProtect's UTM Firewall Appliance simplifies configuration. However, thorough knowledge of networks is essential.

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