

Palo Alto Networks Honored as Coolest Cloud Vendor by CRN®

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SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb. 2, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Palo Alto Networks[®] (NYSE: PANW), the next-generation security company, today announced today that <u>CRN®</u>, a brand of <u>The Channel Company</u>, has named Palo Alto Networks to its 100 Coolest Cloud Computing Vendors of 2017 list. This annual lineup recognizes the most innovative cloud technology suppliers in each of five categories: infrastructure, platforms and development, security, storage, and software.

The Palo Alto Networks Next-Generation Security Platform, a natively integrated and highly automated platform designed to safely enable applications and prevent cyber breaches, is an integral innovation in solving the cloud security conundrum that many customers face today. With support for a range of deployment approaches, including public, private or hybrid cloud, and by integrating into such cloud environments as Microsoft® Azure®, Amazon® Web Services, Microsoft Hyper-V®, VMware® NSX®, ESXiTM, and KVM with OpenStac®, the platform enables organizations to move data and applications to any cloud deployment while ensuring applications and data are secure – no matter where the data resides.

"Cloud-based solutions are now a universal staple of IT services and an integral feature of solution providers' portfolios," said Robert Faletra, CEO of The Channel Company. "It is therefore more important than ever for solution providers to be able to find and choose the best, most capable cloud vendors to partner with for their cloud security. CRN's annual list of the 100 Coolest Cloud Computing Vendors helps them identify and engage these expert suppliers in order to grow and strengthen their cloud businesses. Congratulations to all the vendors, including Palo Alto Networks, who are named on our 2017 list and have distinguished themselves in this extremely competitive and essential technology area."

"Together with our partners, we have had the opportunity to work with many customers to solve their cloud security challenges with our Next-Generation Security Platform, which provides a comprehensive and consistent policy across an organization's infrastructure, including their cloud footprint," said Todd Palmer, vice president of Americas Channels at Palo Alto Networks. "It's fantastic to be recognized by CRN for our innovative work in cloud security and dedication to working with our partners to build next-generation security innovators, experts at enhancing our Next-Generation Security Platform."

About the CRN 100 Coolest Cloud Computing Vendors List

The 100 Coolest Cloud Computing Vendors are selected by the CRN editorial team for their creativity and innovation in product development, the quality of their services and partner programs, and their demonstrated ability to help customers benefit from the ease of use, flexibility, scalability and budgetary savings that cloud computing offers.

In addition to recognizing cloud technology suppliers for outstanding products and services, 100 Coolest Cloud Computing Vendors serves as a valuable guide for solution providers trying to navigate the cloud market. The list aids prospective channel partners in identifying the vendors that can best help them improve or expand their cloud services.

The new 100 Coolest Cloud Computing Vendors list will be featured in the February 2017 issue of CRN and online at www.crn.com/cloud100.

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