



**DATAPOWER THE FIRST XML-AWARE NETWORKING  
COMPANY SELECTED TWO YEARS RUNNING AS A FINALIST  
FOR PRESTIGIOUS WELL-CONNECTED AWARD**

*Based on Real-world Network Computing Testing, DataPower's Leading XS40 XML Security Gateway Tops Web Services Security Category for Security, Flexibility and Performance*

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass.--April 13th, 2004--** DataPower, the creator and leading provider of intelligent XML-aware network (XAN) infrastructure, today announced that the company's XS40 XML Security Gateway(tm) has been named a finalist for CMP Media LLC's Network Computing's 2004 Well-Connected Award. DataPower's ground-breaking network devices have been in production at the world's largest organizations for years, helping secure and accelerate billions of dollars in transactions. Today's news is the latest in a series of recent industry validation and customer wins for DataPower's widely deployed XAN solutions and marks the second consecutive year that Network Computing magazine has recognized DataPower after winning last year's "Infrastructure Product of the Year" category award.

"From our first of many XS40 customer announcements over a year ago, DataPower has established the industry benchmarks and best practices for security, performance and standards support required by Global 2000 enterprises seeking to safely deploy XML Web services," said Jim Ricotta, CEO and president at DataPower. "DataPower's inception in 1999 established the start of XML-aware networking, and we have continued since to establish the industry-leading partnerships, channels, customers and technological innovations to enable us to receive outstanding industry accolades like Network Computing's Well-Connected award for two years running."

Network Computing's Well-Connected Awards honor the year's outstanding technology products and services. They represent the very best products and services the technology industry has to offer in networking. They are chosen by Network Computing's technology editors from the hundreds of products that have been tested and evaluated in the publication's Real-World Labs in the previous year. Each spring, the editors choose the best products available in multiple categories across several core markets.

Powered by DataPower's own XG3 XML security engine, DataPower's XS40 is a true diskless network device purpose-built to provide a complete "drop in" XML Web services security solution without code changes or added operational complexity. XS40 offers the broadest security intelligence, highest performance and most complete functionality including XML firewall and SOAP content filtering, XDoS protection, XML access control, schema validation, XML digital signatures, and field-level encryption of XML content. Other features include leading integration with system management solutions including Computer Associates' Unicenter Web Services Distributed Management (WSDM), intelligent traffic management vendors including F5 Networks and Redline Networks, identity management systems including Netegrity and

Obliv, as well as the most complete support for recommended XML Web services standards like WS-Security, SAML, XACML, XKMS along with SSL acceleration, service virtualization, and centralized policy management, LDAP and RADIUS compliance and wire-speed XML/SOAP routing.

"Network Computing has acknowledged the best and brightest in the networking and IT worlds for 10 years through its annual Well-Connected Awards," says Mike Lee, editor of Network Computing magazine. "The awards are determined as a result of product testing in the Real-World Labs of Network Computing, located throughout the U.S." Winners of this year's Well-Connected Awards will be announced in Network Computing's May 13 issue and online at <http://www.networkcomputing.com>

### **About Network Computing**

For IT, By IT, Network Computing (<http://www.networkcomputing.com>), published by CMP Media LLC, Manhasset, N.Y., is dedicated to providing critical analysis of technologies, vendors and products to 220,000 IT Managers and Staff who are accountable for strategic technology purchase decisions. In 2003, Network Computing won a total of four awards from the American Society of Business Publications Editors (ASBPE), including a national award in the Best Technical Article category.

### **About DataPower**

DataPower provides enterprises with intelligent XML-Aware network infrastructure to ensure unparalleled performance, security and manageability of next-generation applications and XML Web Services. DataPower's patented XML Generation Three (XG3™) technology powers the industry's first wire-speed XML-aware networking devices that provide immediate return on technology investments while streamlining application deployments. Founded in 1999, DataPower is privately held and based in Cambridge, MA. For more information about DataPower Technology, please contact 617-864-0455 or visit [www.datapower.com](http://www.datapower.com)

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