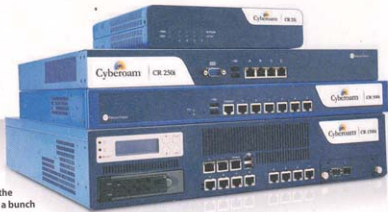


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## CYBEROAM CR500: Network Management Simplified



**A**re you running a small business and network that relies heavily on the Internet? Is security a great concern for you? Are you paranoid that a bunch of hackers will bust into your network anytime soon stealing your most precious data and shutting down your system completely?

If the answer is yes on any of the above questions, then we might offer a solution to put your mind at ease. The Cyberoam CR500 is a complete security package that lets you manage and protect your network from the various threats that the modern digital age brings. It allows up to six Gigabyte Ethernet connections to be hooked up to the device, and comes with two USB ports. Internally, four cooling fans are included to work in the background assuring you that it won't spontaneously combust into flames while it's hard at work.

Being the first (and as far as I know, the only) identity-based unified threat management system here in the Philippines, Cyberoam provides administrators with the next-generation

tools that's more effective and easier to use. Say goodbye to port assignments. With the new system in the CR500, you assign security policies on a user-and-application-basis which makes network management less technical and hassle free. Cyberoam also allows you to monitor the productivity of each user based on the network. Bandwidth usage can also be tweaked allowing you to allot and manage your Internet connection better. After all, you wouldn't want high priority projects backlogged as a result of your less-productive employees hogging the Internet for some gameplay during business hours now, would you?

Aside from viruses, malwares, and spam; it's likewise capable of detecting intrusions in

real-time allowing your IT team to respond accordingly. There's also a bunch of other settings you can tweak for full customization, and it features granular reporting that'll keep you up-to-date at all times. Real-time 24/5 e-mail and chat as well as phone support during business hours are provided as part of its after-sales service.

Granted that this is a bit over-the-top for home use, those who have a moderately sized PC network are the ones who stand to gain the most from this Cyberoam product. If you value security and productivity, it doesn't get any easier than CR500.

— by Allan David Reyes

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## A Time for Heroes

If ever there was a time the world needed heroes. It's now...

### IT'S ALL ABOUT THE FIGHT

Competition has existed since time immemorial. Ours is a world where the strong survive and where the winner takes all. Ever since prehistoric times when the size of one's club dictated man's strength and prowess, power has always been the currency of choice during bouts between rivals.

Now as the times have progressed, so too have the weapons of conflict. Gone are the days when people bested each other by flogging fellow combatants with gigantic clubs. Now with a more civilized approach, people can show off their abilities in a myriad of ways; one such example is online gaming.

### RISE OF COMPETITIVE GAMING

Local online gaming has been on a constant rise ever since Level Up! introduced one of the first MMORPGs ever in the Philippines—Ragnarok. It has been at the center of the gaming public for some time now and stands as one of the pillars of MMORPGs to date. As a foundation of the gaming revolution in the Philippines, Ragnarok Online is also responsible for some of the first online competitions in the country. In fact, when the first

Ragnarok Philippine Championship took place a couple of years back, it has since brought about a new way to view online gaming—a competition.

Now we have all sorts of gaming competitions worldwide. The Ragnarok World Championships, one such example, holds true to the original testament of competition. The strong will survive and prevail. However elementary the mode of combat may seem, don't take it lightly. Online gaming has become a serious competitive sport that already has champions and personalities.

### HEROES

This is where Game Heroes comes in. Level Up! aims to promote the best of the best in online gaming. Dedication and hard work will be duly rewarded, particularly for those that excel in a particular LU game. They will be elevated to hero status. The pinnacle of gaming mastery, each Game Hero will be a vanguard and example to gamers nationwide. Inspiring gamers to excel and put in the effort required in order to achieve greatness.

Just like any athletic sport, online gaming is also a serious competition—a sport in every way that will take a lot for the gamer to be at the top of the game. Training and constant mainte-

nance will be required for one to keep abreast of the latest strategies and techniques that will prove invaluable on the fields of combat. A step beyond normal gaming, it is truly the next level. As it becomes a different game altogether when one fights for more than just victory, but for glory and honor as well.

### JUST THE BEGINNING

Level Up! Game Heroes is just the beginning! Elevation to hero status has its benefits and responsibilities; after all, being the best will be a continuing struggle against the limitations of one's own skill and imagination.

In a world besieged by conflict and problems, the youth of the nation need more than just the average sport celebrity to look up to. People they can relate to or even compete with on equal footing will surely be an inspiration. There are still a lot of tournaments that players can join. These can serve as the steppingstones to the fields of greatness, where masters and experts of the gaming nation dwell and do battle.

So play hard, work hard, and who knows, you may be the next Game Hero, and tread the path of legends. After all, the world will always need heroes.

