



Damballa Named Finalist in 2010 SC Awards

SC Awards Recognizes Damballa as One of the Best Rookie Security Companies of the Year

ATLANTA, Dec. 14, 2009 – Damballa Inc., the company that stops Internet-based criminal use of enterprise networks, has been named a finalist in the [2010 SC Awards](#) program for outstanding achievement in information technology (IT) security. Damballa is recognized in the Excellence Award category as Rookie Security Company of the Year, which recognizes companies with superior security products that help customers tackle today's pressing security challenges.

Damballa is a security company focused on delivering real-time protection against botnets and related targeted attacks that evade other network security technologies. Damballa's unique approach locates and closes the hidden two-way Command-and-Control (CnC) communication channels that cyber criminals use to manipulate enterprise networks for criminal activity. These threats pose a serious challenge to enterprise organizations in terms of theft of confidential information and breaches in fiduciary responsibility due to lack of institutional control.

"Our distinguished panel of award judges selected Damballa as a finalist in our Excellence Awards category – recognizing its contribution to the world of IT security," said *SC Magazine* Editor-in-Chief Illena Armstrong. "Businesses are challenged every day with newer and more sophisticated security threats and they rely on companies like Damballa to help protect their assets."

As the industry's preeminent awards program, the annual SC Awards has recognized security's key contributors and outstanding products for more than a decade. The SC Awards are designed to honor the professionals, companies and products that help fend off the myriad security threats confronted in today's corporate world. Individuals, brands and solutions recognized in the program address not only the security challenges prominent today, but also the emerging threat landscape of tomorrow.

IT security companies nominate their solutions for consideration in the SC Awards and entries are judged by a panel of leading security officers from large, medium and small enterprises from all major vertical markets – representing the wide distribution of [SC Magazine](#) readers.

"We are honored to be recognized as one of the leading up-and-coming security companies of the year," said Damballa CEO, Val Rahmani. "Over the past year, Damballa has exhibited tremendous growth, released a major new version of our industry-leading Failsafe system, established significant and strategic partnerships, and brought on a stellar team of experts. We are thrilled that our accomplishments have been recognized and we plan to use this momentum to continue to drive growth into 2010."

Winners of this year's SC Awards will be announced at a gala dinner and award ceremony to be held in San Francisco on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. The event is an

evening filled with excitement and offers an invaluable opportunity to network with the top corporate IT professionals in attendance. To attend the SC Awards, please register at <http://www.scmagazineus.com/sc-magazine-awards-2010/section/1053/>

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About Damballa, Inc.

Damballa closes enterprise security gaps by rapidly identifying and disrupting the open communications channels that online criminals use to manipulate enterprise networks. These products and services integrate easily with existing security investments for accurate, cost-effective protection against hidden breaches that evade other solutions. Damballa stops these breaches through high-fidelity detection, powerful mitigation guidance for botnet malware, and simple passive integration with existing network and security infrastructure. The result is a smarter, more flexible security solution that responds to a wider range of current and future online threats. Damballa is privately held and headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia.

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