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Denny K. Miu - CEO



Gigamon Systems

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gigamon.com

CEO: Denny Miu

Founded: 2003

First product: GigaVue-MP,
released May 2005

Gigamon Systems (www.gigamon.com) is one of the newest micronational conglomerates that spawned out of the need to systematically address the monitoring of enterprise network traffic that has seen an enormous surge in the last five years. With corporate headquarters located in San Jose, California, Gigamon was founded in 2003 by six techno-savvy industry experts with the high tech entrepreneurial leadership of Denny K. Miu. Unlike other IT startups where the organizational management is put into place prior to performing research and product development, Gigamon Systems

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The six Co-Founders started Gigamon because we saw a need to solve a fundamental problem in the modern network infrastructure. We wanted to help enterprises build a scalable overlay access network, to save money and to provide comprehensive monitoring. And we are happy that our customers are catching on to this innovative idea.

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was conceived at the same time their flagship product, the GigaVUE was being conceptualized. The company was co-founded by Tom Gallatin, King Won from Network General, Ted Ho former VP for of Engineering for Network General, Patrick Leong, and Thomas Cheung, both from Ciena.

According to the company's website, Gigamon was an

ancient creature in Chinese mythology that provided fierce protection to the Emperor and to the people of ancient China against foreign intruders as well as potential threats within. It provided a last line-of-defense against foreign and domestic oppressors. The founders adopted this name because it captures their dedication to provide network integrity to their customers.

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After twelve months of conceptualization, planning, and brainstorming and from the diligent funding invested by Sandy Chau, Gigamon's pilot product, GigaVUE was finally realized.

However, the first prototype did not fair well economically because of high deployment and operating cost. After two months of redesigning, Dr. Patrick Leong (now the Chief Technology Officer) was brought in from

another network technology company, Ciena. It was Leong's extensive knowledge and engineering ingenuity together with the creative mind of Thomas Cheung, a colleague from Ciena whom he brought in, that the first working prototype of GigaVUE was developed and released in May, 2005.

At present, Gigamon is proud to be partnering with support centers (called GigaMonsters) scat-

tered throughout the United States whose job is to provide technical support to mission-critical enterprise networks. Due to its innovation and growing popularity, Gigamon Systems was accorded as a

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"Startup-To-Watch" for 2006. Its GigaVue-MP product was given an Excellence in Security Testing Award for 2006 by Info Security Products Guide published by Silicon Valley Communications as well as a finalist in the Network Software and Services category for Best-Of-Interop Las Vegas 2006.