



Media Release

Instant Security Alert Service, F-Secure Radar, Notifies Pagers, PDAs, Mobile Phones and More of Security Threats

Melissa Worm Failed to Surprise Initial Users of F-Secure's New Early Warning System

Zurich, Feb. 01, 2001, F-Secure Corporation (HEX:FSC), a leading developer of centrally managed security solutions for the mobile, distributed enterprise, today announced an instant alert system that delivers critical and instant security notifications irrespective of location. F-Secure Radar will broadcast alerts about viruses, denial of service attacks, and other critical security issues to a wide variety of devices, including mobile phones, PDAs, and pagers, ensuring message delivery when it is most crucial.

The service proved its worth to testers and pre-release customers last week, who were among the world's first computer users to be warned of the Melissa.W worm.

"Time is of the essence when notifying key individuals of critical security incidents, like virus alerts and denial of service attacks. During past major virus outbreaks, like Melissa and LoveLetter, hours often meant the difference in saving millions in recovery costs and/or revenues," said Risto Siilasmaa, President and CEO of F-Secure Corporation. "In cases like these, response needs to be immediate. Furthermore, alerts need to be prioritised and easy to understand. With F-Secure Radar, our world renowned data security experts make sure that the most critical security alerts get delivered fast."

Christian Christiansen, Vice President of Internet Infrastructure and Security Software at International Data Corporation (IDC) said, "F-Secure Radar is filling an important niche in the security market space at a reasonable cost. Behind F-Secure Radar is an expert threat analysis team that gives customers the confidence that they will be among the first to know about, and resolve, issues posed by viruses and other forms of malware."



To help provide the messaging capability required in the security alert system, F-Secure chose to partner with EnvoyWorldWide. Their core service offering, EnvoyXpress, offers end-user customization over the Internet through a browser interface, wide geographical coverage, and an extremely flexible system with a large number of supported recipient devices. F-Secure is leveraging EnvoyProfiles, an enhancement to their core messaging service, that allows recipients to create and maintain their own contact information, while selecting which security notifications they need to perform their jobs. The partnership leverages F-Secure's global threat detection and analysis team with EnvoyWorldWide's message delivery service.

"The Internet has empowered companies to create new and to streamline existing business models. These businesses require a new category of solution that goes beyond what traditional communication and messaging applications can provide. EnvoyProfiles offers the only solution that meets the needs of the increasingly mobile and geographically dispersed world," said Alain Daste, president and CEO, EnvoyWorldWide. "With the marriage of F-Secure Radar and EnvoyProfiles,, F-Secure provides a flexible, scalable and reliable means of communicating critical security information 24x7 to their wired and wireless constituencies."

As reported last week, after January 17, 2001, F-Secure started receiving reports about a new version of Melissa, this time spreading in a file called Anniv.doc. By January 19, F-Secure had received dozens of infection reports from various parts of the world, with the rate of infections increasing. A statement from F-Secure said at that time that "It now appears that this virus could become very widespread rapidly."

About F-Secure Corporation

F-Secure Corporation is a leading provider of centrally managed security for today's mobile, wireless enterprise. The company offers a full range of award-winning, integrated anti-virus, file encryption, distributed firewall and VPN solutions for workstations, servers, gateways and mobile devices.

F-Secure products are uniquely suited for delivery of Security as a Service(tm) which provides invisible, reliable, always-on, and up-to-date security for the most widely distributed user base. Whether provided by corporate IT or delivered by service providers, F-Secure solutions extend policy-based security and instant alerts to all devices where information is created, stored or accessed. Founded in 1988, F-Secure Corporation is listed on the Helsinki Stock Exchange [HEX: FSC]. The company is headquartered in Espoo, Finland with North American headquarters in San Jose, California, as well as offices worldwide.



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