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Fortinet Launches Free Daily Antivirus Bulletin for Latest Threat Updates

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Feb. 19, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – today announced availability of the FortiResponse Bulletin, a daily free email newsletter alerting customers, partners and interested parties to the latest virus, worm, intrusion and related malicious code threats to enterprise and service provider networks.

FortiResponse Bulletin reports important information about new threat alerts and the latest virus and network intrusion detection system (NIDS) database updates available from Fortinet. The attack databases are developed by Fortinet's Threat Response Team, led by WildList founder and Fortinet chief AV architect Joe Wells, which operates 24x7 on three continents. Updates are delivered by Fortinet's FortiResponse Distribution Network – a global system of secure, redundant, high-performance servers that distribute antivirus and (NIDS) attack databases to registered FortiGate™ Antivirus Firewall units.

All Fortinet products in the FortiGate Antivirus Firewall family are enabled with a capability to receive instant 'push' updates of antivirus and intrusion attack detection databases from the FortiResponse Distribution Network. This ensures that FortiGate systems installed worldwide are updated in real time in response to new attacks, and are able to detect and prevent threats from entering customer networks, without waiting for the unit or an administrator to request an update.

“As security threats move from network connections increasingly to Web-generated content- and agent-based attacks, enterprise security practitioners must respond quickly and proactively to the increasing volume and severity of virus, worm and intrusion attacks,” said Richard Kagan, vice president of marketing at Fortinet. “The FortiResponse Bulletin is the Fortinet customer’s information tripwire to stay abreast of the ever-increasing speed and complexity of today’s network security threats.”

As part of Fortinet’s comprehensive FortiResponse Services, FortiGate customers now have three layers of visibility to attack outbreaks via:

- The FortiResponse Distribution Network: When updates are “pushed” to a FortiGate unit, the system logs the event and automatically generates an email or pager alert to the system administrator that the network has been successfully protected;
- The real-time Fortinet FortiResponse Center portal: This Web site delivers real-time news, alerts and updates on threats, attacks, and Fortinet’s response;
- The new FortiResponse Bulletin: An email newsletter that delivers both daily updates on the latest status of worldwide security threats, and real-time alerts in the event of an outbreak.

To subscribe to the free FortiResponse Bulletin by entering a valid email address, visit the FortiResponse Center portal at www.fortinet.com/FortiResponseCenter.

About Fortinet (www.fortinet.com)

Fortinet's award-winning FortiGate series of ASIC-accelerated antivirus firewalls are the new generation of real-time network protection systems. They detect and eliminate the most damaging, content-based threats from email and Web traffic such as viruses, worms, intrusions, inappropriate Web content and more in real time – without degrading network performance. The FortiGate systems deliver a full range of network-level services – firewall, VPN, intrusion detection and traffic shaping – as well as application-

level services such as antivirus and content filtering, in dedicated, easily managed platforms. Fortinet is privately held and based in Santa Clara, California.

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