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News

Software Security Solutions Provides Anti-Virus Software Guide for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses Includes Comparative Resources for Anti-Virus Performance and Detection

LAKWOOD, CO — (Oct 29, 2007- Updated) — Software Security Solutions, Inc (SSS), a technology firm specializing in security solutions for small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs), today published a comprehensive guide to aid firms in the task of building layered security protection for vulnerable networked environments. This is a particularly difficult task for businesses with little or no in-house security expertise. This paper addresses the anti-virus market, the vendors that provide various solutions for this key security foundation layer, and how companies can determine which anti-virus solution would best fit their needs. Future guides will address spyware, firewalls, safe web surfing, and identity theft.

The guide helps clarify how SMBs should evaluate anti-virus software and includes links to independent testing laboratories that provide unbiased reports on all major players as well as the increasingly important “second-tier” companies in the anti-virus field. It also discusses the Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) issue surrounding the increasing overhead created as some of the products continue to expand their footprint and use of computing resources, becoming “bloatware” that is rife with inefficiencies and unnecessary features.

“I’ve been watching the number of complaints about inefficiencies, in the so-called ‘leading’ anti-virus products, from our customers increase steadily over the past several years,” says SSS CEO Monte Robertson. “When I discovered that businesses were actually disabling some of their anti-virus protection in order to be able to work efficiently, I knew we needed to do something. This guide is our first step in helping people construct a layered security solution that doesn’t get in the way of business.”

To further aid SMBs in assessing their virus protection options, SSS has designed a TCO calculator that attempts to quantify the full spectrum of overhead costs associated with virus scanning, including email and document scans. Example calculations are included, along with a link to the online calculator on the SSS website. Readers are encouraged to run the calculator with parameters from their own business operation, with the option to forward their results to SSS for inclusion in a nationwide research project that will build a true picture of the cost impact of anti-virus on the SMB community.

The complete guide can be found at <http://www.SoftwareSecuritySolutions.com/PDF/Choosing-Anti-Virus-Software.pdf>

The calculator is available at <http://www.SoftwareSecuritySolutions.com/anti-virus-cost-calculator.php>

About Software Security Solutions

Software Security Solutions is a Colorado-based technology company founded in 2001. By focusing on computer security threats and continually researching and rigorously testing a wide range of security offerings, the firm is able to provide guidance and insight to business operations that are unable to staff a security team on their own. SSS advocates a layered approach to security and offers a range of best-in-class solutions that can be integrated into a layered security framework. Find SSS on the web at www.SoftwareSecuritySolutions.com

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