

Ositis Gateway Antivirus Solution AVStripper Stops Internet Worm: ``W32/SQLSlammer"; AVStripper is the Only Gateway Antivirus Solution to Stop This Worm

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Ositis(R) announced that its AVStripper(TM) gateway security solution is the only product on the market that can detect Slammer and prevent it from propagating.

Slammer is the first to spread using the UDP protocol, which is typically used only for streaming video or audio content. Competing antivirus solutions do not catch this worm because they do not scan this protocol.

Because Ositis' patent-pending technology scans for viruses in-line with the firewall, it is the only antivirus product that can catch this worm. SQLSlammer effectively obsoletes other antivirus technologies that are dependent on firewall or server integration. In fact, there is no other security appliance on the market that can prevent this attack, while preserving SQL server functionality.

Ositis' patent-pending security appliance

AVStripper is an appliance-based antivirus gateway product offering customers a high-speed and comprehensive method for protecting high value networks from viruses. AVStripper is the only security solution on the market that scans for viruses on all 7 major protocols, including: Web, incoming and outgoing mail, downloads, chat groups, and instant messaging. Unlike competing solutions that only scan Web traffic, AVStripper is a complete solution that protects the whole network. It installs in-line with the firewall, providing truly comprehensive gateway antivirus protection while eliminating dependence on proxy technology and integration with gateway servers. AVStripper also installs quickly and effortlessly, dramatically reducing the cost of implementation and management. The result is a more robust and complete antivirus solution at a lower total cost of ownership.

The AVStripper platform complements the antivirus technology of Ositis' antivirus partners, McAfee, Sophos, Panda and Trend Micro, by enhancing their functionality through support for additional protocols.

Information about W32/SQLSlammer

W32/SQLSlammer arrives as a SQL server request packet on UDP port 1434. The worm exploits a buffer overflow vulnerability in the SQL Server 2000 Resolution Service. It uses this to arbitrarily execute its code on affected servers. Vulnerable machines include Microsoft SQL Server 2000 installations without Service Pack 3 patched. Infected servers propagate the malicious packet to other SQL Servers causing a slowdown, or even failure, in the affected network.

"This particular outbreak will redefine the antivirus market as we know it, and I am confident that Ositis Labs will continue to lead the field in security solutions," stated Paul Hutchison, Director of Ositis Labs. "As with the CodeRed and Nimda outbreaks, Slammer is likely to be followed by many variations based on the original worm, increasing the future threat level on UDP and other protocols."

Pricing and Availability

Ositis products can be purchased through a wide network of resellers and distribution channels. For any inquiries please contact hardwaresales@ositis.com (USA) or hardwaresales-emea@ositis.com (EMEA) to obtain further information.

About Ositis

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