

SurfControl Enhances E-mail Filter to Help Enterprises Stop Spam In Its Tracks and Better Manage E-mail Security

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Anti-Spam Agent, Foreign Language Dictionaries, Embedded File Management Features Offer Companies Enhanced Tools to Stop Spam and Centralize Management of E-mail Content Security

CONGLETON, UK (April 14, 2003) - SurfControl (London:SRF, Nasdaq Europe: SRFC), the world's number one Web and e-mail filtering company, announced today the launch of SurfControl E-mail Filter 4.6 to help enterprises stop spam and start managing e-mail content security more efficiently.

The enhanced SurfControl E-mail Filter incorporates features that give companies the ability to identify and stop spam at the network edge, centralize and better manage content security and increase the monitoring and analysis of e-mail content, both in the body of the e-mail and in attachments. These enhancements help companies increase network security and user productivity, optimize network resources and reduce legal risks associated to e-mail communications.

"E-mail filtering and advanced anti-spam technology are now a business imperative for every organization," says Steve Purdham, SurfControl's CEO. "That's why more than 1.4 million enterprise mailboxes worldwide are now filtered with SurfControl's E-mail Filter."

Purdham states the latest version of the SurfControl E-mail Filter better meets the demands of large enterprises with multiple locations, heavy e-mail traffic and complex networks. "The latest enhancements give organizations the world's best protection against spam and the wide variety of risks inherent in e-mail," he said.

The latest enhancements include dictionaries to filter e-mail content in six languages and improvements to enable more granular spam management and greater customization by end users. SurfControl E-mail Filter 4.6 includes:

* Embedded File Management helps organizations identify unauthorized files or images that have been embedded in other documents as a way of circumventing security, and then checks the content against an organization's acceptable use policy and rules.

* Multi-Language Dictionaries, available in English, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish, give companies extensive, customizable content dictionaries unmatched in the industry, right out of the box. Spam does not recognize borders so multi-language dictionaries are an indispensable part

of effective e-mail filtering.

* Anti-Spam Agent categories have been expanded to highlight content categories most often found in new spam, such as Finance, Dating & Personals, and Novelty Software. Enterprises now have more granular spam management capabilities than ever before, because one company's spam is another company's legitimate e-mail. Granularity gives companies the flexibility to identify their definition of spam.

* The Rules and the Logging Database have been updated to provide organizations centralized network data and advanced reporting capabilities to ease administration of multiple locations and e-mail servers.

* Fail Over and Load Balancing management capabilities, for larger enterprises over 20,000 users, ensure that their e-mail systems are up and running and that e-mail is being screened and processed through multiple SurfControl filtering servers that share information, rules processing and can serve as backups should one fail.

"The combination of technologies within a single product illustrates SurfControl's use of "layering" functions to produce the best e-mail filtering tool in the marketplace," Purdham said.

SurfControl E-mail Filter technology combines multiple layers of spam detection and content filtering, including artificial intelligence, Boolean logic and a vast spam signature database to identify and classify spam in real time. It also includes some of the industry's strongest anti-virus protection, to scan, cleanse and block e-mail borne viruses, by file type and in attachments. It also gives companies the ability to assess e-mail content risk in an offline production environment with E-mail Audit to review historical e-mail communication without having to reconfigure their current network settings. E-mail Audit provides organizations with insight into exposure to potential risks and can help them develop effective acceptable use policies.

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About SurfControl

SurfControl plc, the world's number one Web and e-mail filtering company, is the only company in the security market offering a total content security solution that combines Web and e-mail filtering technology with the industry's largest, most accurate and relevant content database and adaptive reasoning tools to automate content recognition. SurfControl is the leading content security company in the secure content management market, a market analysts expect to reach nearly \$5 billion by 2006.

SurfControl's Internet monitoring and policy management solutions are flexible, scalable and interoperable to meet the diverse needs of all its markets -- corporate, education, home and OEM. SurfControl, which can be installed in any network environment, offers a choice of platform independent or integrated solutions. SurfControl has world-class partners, including Microsoft, Check Point, Cisco, IBM and Nokia, as well as a customer base that includes many of the world's largest corporations.

The company offers the most sophisticated yet easy to use technology, the best understanding of market needs and a global reach unmatched in the industry. SurfControl has been recognized as the fastest growing company in the North of England at the U.K. Deloitte & Touche 2002 Technology Fast 50, and was honored as Company of the Year at the 2002 techMARK Awards.

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