



## Press Release

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### **Fortinet Successfully Delivers W32 Blaster/LovSan Worm Protection to FortiGate Antivirus Firewall Installed Base Worldwide**

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Aug 13, 2003 — Fortinet – the only provider of ASIC-powered, network-based antivirus firewall systems for real-time network protection – has successfully protected customers with a perimeter defense update delivered automatically to the worldwide installed base of FortiGate™ Antivirus Firewalls for the recent Internet worm attack known as the W32/Lovsan.A-net. (and also referred to as 'MSBlast', 'MSBlaster', 'Blaster', 'LoveSam' and Win32.Posa.Worm).

The Blaster/LovSan attack is one of the growing numbers of vulnerabilities that do not use email messages as the primary means for entering and spreading among corporate networks. Competitor antivirus systems, which are mostly software-based, are generally not used to scan non-email traffic because they add excessive delay to Web and other real-time applications. The ASIC-accelerated FortiGate systems are able to scan Internet traffic in real time, which includes Web browsing in addition to email and file transfers, providing customers with complete protection against viruses and worms at the edge of their networks without impacting network performance.

All registered FortiGate customers whose systems are configured to accept automatic “push” updates receive antivirus signature database updates for this attack and others

within minutes of Fortinet's release of a new attack database by the Fortinet Threat Response Team. The updates of antivirus and intrusion attack detection databases are delivered from the global FortiResponse™ Distribution Network, which ensures that FortiGate units 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.

For more information on Blaster/LovSan and other content security threats, visit the FortiResponse portal at <http://www.fortinet.com/FortiResponseCenter> and subscribe to Fortinet's daily email newsletter alert to the latest virus, worm, intrusion and related malicious code threats to enterprise and service provider networks.

**About Fortinet ([www.fortinet.com](http://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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