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A product that falls just one feature short of becoming a one-stop solution for network security. BY PRAVEEN KURUP

In these times of increased enterprise espionage and cracking, the importance of security cannot be

overstated. Managing an enterprise's security can prove to be very grueling. To ease the process, Microworld

has introduced eScan 2003 Corporate Edition. It comes with three manuals, each detailing the three

major components of the package as well as the installation and management of the software.

The first of the components is the anti-virus software. This software scans every file on the installed machine and protects it from malicious code that can cause damage to the computer. In a recent test we compared eScan anti-virus to various anti-virus products popular on the desktop. The eScan virus scanning engine won the crown.

The second component is MailScan, which is the e-mail scanning utility that is bundled with eScan 2003. This is capable of scanning messages on various kinds of mail servers. The vendors claim that it is compatible with MS Exchange server, Postmaster, Lotus Notes, WinRoute, VPOP3, and Mdaemon. It uses something called the

Microworld Winsock Layer (MWL), which sits between the Winsock layer and the Application layer and scans all mail traffic for viruses. It intercepts the traffic and lets eScan do the scanning. MailScan intercepts the traffic before it reaches the mail server. If you have a gateway installed on your network that receives all the messages from the Internet and then forwards it to MS-Exchange, then you need to install MailScan on the gateway.

The last component of the lot, eServ is a remote administration tool that lets the administrator monitor

the anti virus software and mail scanning utility remotely. It allows simultaneous installation of the eScan anti-virus software on multiple clients from a central server. The server also reduces the trouble of applying updates to all clients individually by using a broadcast mechanism from the server. The central server downloads all updates for the anti-virus software and then sends an announcement across the LAN to all clients installed on the network. One need not worry about applying updates on a regular basis and system

administrators can rest assured. Moreover, this also results in bandwidth savings since only a single central server need download all the updates and the rest of the machines just have to access the updates across the internal corporate network.

Overall, this



package provides comprehensive security with its excellent virus scanning engine, mail scanning and content filtering facilities and is a good buy for any organization looking for a central solution to their virus woes.

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