

(BW)(TX-NETMASS) `I Love You' was Just the Beginning; NetMass Inc. Restores PCs From Virus Corruption With SystemSafe

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DALLAS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 22, 2000--NetMass Inc. wants to protect PC users from the unwanted "I Love You" worm, and others like "Melissa", with SystemSafe(TM) Online Backup Solutions. According to Stephen Perkins, President of NetMass Incorporated, "The 'I Love You' virus (technically a worm) has already mutated. The new version (known by several names including VBS.Newlove.A) is difficult to detect because it modifies the SUBJECT lines when it sends itself to new users. The Symantec Anti-Virus Research Center rates this virus as having medium wildness, having high distribution, and causing high damage(a). The last part of this rating is of particular concern. Until users upgrade their anti-virus software with the latest patches, they are not protected against new mutations. Since the virus software must know about the virus before it can scan for it, there will always be a delay between the time a new virus is infecting PCs (and causing damage) and the time the software will be able to combat the virus. This delay is an inherent weakness in anti-virus scanning software.

"While virus software is very important, it does not adequately protect PCs against new and potentially destructive viruses. To fully protect PCs against such viruses, a combination of the following is recommended:

- 1) Virus scanning software to detect and clean viruses from your system; plus,
- 2) A backup process to restore your data if corrupted by a malicious virus.

"An effective backup solution can protect the computer and its important data by enabling the user to restore the PC to a working configuration that existed prior to a virus disaster."

NetMass Inc. provides best practices PC backup via SystemSafe(TM) Online Backup software. SystemSafe(TM) can protect every file on a Microsoft Windows 95, 98, NT, or 2000 system. It is simple to use and, in conjunction with current virus scanning software, can provide "bullet proof" protection against any destructive virus. Even if the user experiences a catastrophic loss, SystemSafe(TM) with it's SystemRestore(TM) feature will restore the PC to its full working order; including applications, user preferences, data files, settings, and the same look and feel. PC restoration is a breeze and is just a few mouse clicks away.

Other important benefits include:

- Offsite storage of important PC data

- No backup size limitations
- No "upfront" hardware costs from tape drives or tape medium
- No more hassles with Iomega, Ditto or other tape mediums
- Backups are instantly available over the Internet
- Archives are available on CDROM
- Files sharing between office, home and mobile computers

SystemSafe(TM) uses sophisticated compression to minimize the amount of data being backed up, and utilizes encryption for maximum security during transmission and storage. All user data is stored on redundant replicated systems at the NetMass secure data center. A 30 day no obligation free trial is available at the NetMass Web site www.netmass.com and allows users to "try before they buy." Monthly rates begin at \$9.95 per month.

About NetMass Inc

NetMass Inc. was founded with simple goals in mind: Bring PC enhancing products to the customer, utilize the vast benefits of the internet, and help the customer maximize their work potential by maximizing the potential of their computer. SystemSafe(TM) is the latest sample of enhanced products being brought to the customer. NetMass Incorporated is headquartered in the Infomart in Dallas and maintains a branch office in Houston. Please contact us to see how we can help improve your computer backup operations.

(a) www.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/vbs.loveletter.fw.a.html

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