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Autonomic Software Offers Immediate Rollout of Interim Fix for Major Adobe Reader/Acrobat Security Vulnerabilities

Millions of desktops threatened by PDF-based exploits – Autonomic’s ANSA offers immediate protection while users await permanent patch

Danville, CA – March 3, 2009 – Autonomic Software today announced that ANSA Platinum offers immediate protection from the risks posed by the recently-announced security vulnerability within Adobe’s Acrobat and Reader applications. This flaw allows online criminals to take advantage of a buffer-overflow error in several versions of Adobe Reader and Acrobat, making it possible for them to steal information from these PC’s and use them to remotely attack and infect other PCs. ANSA Platinum automatically deploys Adobe’s suggested interim fix to every PC in an organization, and will automatically deploy the permanent patches when they become available for the at-risk Adobe programs and versions.

The adoption of the PDF format by both PC and Mac users has made it one of the most ubiquitous applications on the planet, with estimates of users far exceeding 100 million. Adobe has acknowledged that the flaw exists in all supported versions of its products. Published reports indicate the company plans to make a patch available for Adobe Acrobat 9 and Adobe Reader 9 on March 11, and that the company expects to make updates available for Adobe Reader 7 and 8, and Acrobat 7 and 8, by March 18th. Commercial antivirus software does not yet offer specific protection against the exploits that attack this flaw.

“The industry recognizes the seriousness – the potential global impact - of this flaw, and waiting until March 11, March 18 or beyond is simply far too much unquantifiable risk for most organizations,” said Tony Gigliotti, Autonomic CEO. “We felt it was crucial to let companies know ANSA allows them to automatically roll out both the interim fix and the final patch – literally at the push of a button.”

ANSA Platinum is a highly sophisticated network management tool that implements and automates patch management, asset management, software deployment, configuration management, corporate or regulatory compliance and power conservation functionality. ANSA’s patented Universal Agent Technology extends to the network, system, and application levels, enabling automated monitoring and management of those systems

with little or no IT involvement. The Suite installs quickly, is 100% accurate in network scans, and is future-proofed to accommodate coming network and data technologies.

IT and security managers can request additional information and demonstration of how ANSA Platinum addresses these new vulnerabilities by calling Autonomic Software at (925) 820-8074. Product information is also available at www.Autonomic-Software.com.

About Autonomic Software, Inc.

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