

## Symantec Leads the Way in Endpoint Protection

Given the increasing number and the damaging effects of today's blended threats, businesses have realised that they need to secure their internal networks as well as their perimeters. This has caused administrators to re-evaluate their security solutions. During these re-evaluations, administrators are increasingly looking to secure remote and internal PCs as a means of improving their security posture and addressing these new threats.

A more distributed security solution provides a layered approach to security, so that the entire network is not left vulnerable by an intruder who defeats a perimeter firewall. The understanding of the virtues of distributed security architectures has created a considerable demand for comprehensive endpoint security solutions.

### Symantec's Evolution

Symantec has long been protecting PCs from virus attacks and other malicious content threats. However, Symantec was lacking a comprehensive approach that would allow the company to effectively stop this new breed of threats. This changed with the acquisition of specialist vendors Sygate and WholeSecurity, which completed the company's range of endpoint security products. Symantec indeed had a strong portfolio of endpoint security products but needed to evolve further towards the integration of these newly acquired components into a unified solution.

Symantec has achieved this with the release of Symantec Endpoint Protection 11, initially known as Hamlet. It provides comprehensive protection for laptops, desktops and servers from a single agent and management console. In addition to anti-virus and anti-spyware technology it also includes client firewall,

network- and host-based intrusion prevention, buffer overflow and exploit protection, device control and behaviour blocking. This new product is aimed at businesses of any size as they can benefit from a new way of conceiving endpoint security.

In addition, Symantec has released a product that integrates seamlessly into Endpoint Protection 11 and its console but works also independently from it. It is called Symantec Network Access Control 11. This product extends the capabilities of Endpoint Protection to allow users to check for endpoint integrity and provide remediation in case of an infection. This product is aimed primarily at large businesses.

### Frost & Sullivan view

Frost & Sullivan believes that Symantec has released a truly integrated solution that is able to cope with any of the endpoint security threats that businesses of any size face today. Symantec has done a great job at integrating its already strong range of best of breed endpoint security products and combine them all into a single product. Symantec's users can now take full advantage of the benefits of a multi-function solution working on a single agent that can be managed from a single management console.

We believe that Symantec is moving ahead of competition in this space as most competing solutions either lack the company's integrated approach, functionality or manageability. Therefore, we are very confident that Symantec's new solutions for endpoint protection and network access control are a safe bet for any business.