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Shavlik Technologies Offers Free Detection and Prevention Solution for Protecting Against Sasser, Sasser.B, and Sasser.C Attacks

St. Paul, Minn. (May 3, 2004) — Shavlik Technologies, one of the leading providers of security patch management solutions for individuals and corporations, offers a free detection and prevention solution for the Microsoft Bulletin MS04-011 Critical Security Flaw. Failure to deploy a patch for this flaw leaves personal computers running Microsoft Windows 2000 and Windows XP operating systems open to the Sasser, Sasser.B and Sasser.C worms.

“To minimize the impact of this worm, we strongly recommend that a patch be applied to any networked computer immediately,” said Mark Shavlik, CEO, Shavlik Technologies. “While the Sasser worm and its variants are only attacking Windows 2000 and Windows XP systems right now, it is likely that variants for other Windows operating systems will surface in the very near future.”

In addition to patching, Shavlik recommends enabling personal firewalls and blocking inbound traffic on TCP port 445 to these systems and updating signatures for antivirus software. In addition, network administrators are encouraged to monitor the network for suspicious activity on TCP ports 9996 and 5554.

To detect if a network is at risk for attack due to the Microsoft Bulletin MS04-011 critical security flaw, download Shavlik HFNetChkPro software at <https://www.shavlik.com/pDownloadForm.aspx>. Shavlik HFNetChkPro provides unlimited network scanning and assessment, allowing IT staff to know immediately which computers require fixing. It also provides free remediation – automatic application of the MS04-011 patch –up to 10 computers.

More information about Shavlik HFNetChkPro software or the MS04-011 critical security flaw can be found by calling Shavlik at (800) 690-6911, e-mailing info@shavlik.com, or visiting the company’s web site at <http://www.shavlik.com>.

About Shavlik Technologies, LLC

Shavlik Technologies is a leading security products and services firm headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota. The company helps information technology managers and administrators manage computer system security, including assessment, security scanning and remediation of security vulnerabilities due to missing patches, weak accounts and passwords. Shavlik’s solutions include Shavlik HFNetChkPro, the industry standard for security patch management, and Shavlik EnterpriseInspector, a powerful network inspection tool. Shavlik’s solutions and those from its partners can be used to secure desktop and mobile computers with both agent and agentless

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technology. Shavlik solutions are relied on worldwide by thousands of corporations, educational institutions, government agencies and other businesses, and its premier security services group provides patch management strategy and implementation services.

Microsoft MBSA was developed for Microsoft by Shavlik Technologies, LLC.

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