



## MEDIA ALERT

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# IRONPORT Virus Outbreak Filters™ First to Detect Latest Outbreak of “Bagle” Variants

**SAN BRUNO, Calif. – March 2, 2005** - Analysts in the IronPort Threat Operation Center used IronPort Virus Outbreak Filters™ to detect:

**VIRUS NAME:** “Bagle” variants including but not limited to: Bagle.BE, .BF, .BB, .BD, .BG

**DETECTED:** February 27, 2005 at 10:39 (GMT).

**STATUS:** IronPort provided advanced warning—protecting customer networks 41 hours and 43 minutes ahead of any other anti-virus technology.

**VIRUS ATTRIBUTES:** The current virus outbreak is multiple variants of the original “Bagle” virus, used to compromise computers and download malicious software. The Bagle variants use random email text, file sizes and names to evade detection by anti-virus software. A typical infected email message has a spoofed “From” field with a blank “Subject” line. The virus includes an attachment that, if opened, connects to one of 150 different web sites that the virus writers have set up to host files that are downloaded by infected computers. It is particularly malicious because, when executed, it sends a copy of the infected files to 50 downloaded email addresses, thereby restarting the entire looping process.

**About the IronPort Virus Outbreak Filters:** Integrated into the IronPort C-Series email security appliance product line, Virus Outbreak Filters are a preventive security solution. They are a proactive, first layer of defense that protects networks from infections during the critical initial stages of a virus outbreak. Analyzing global data from SenderBase™, the industry's largest email traffic monitoring network, Virus Outbreak Filters detect viruses in real-time as they begin to propagate— up to 41 hours before signatures from reactive anti-virus vendors are published. Suspect email is quarantined and re-scanned through traditional anti-virus solutions once signature updates are in place.

**Note to editors:** If you are interested in additional information on the current virus outbreak, please go to the IronPort Threat Operations Center at [www.ironport.com/toc](http://www.ironport.com/toc) or direct inquiries to the media contacts listed here.

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