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### AGT & F-Secure issues warning to computer users in the region

Advanced German Technology, AGT, a leading supplier of premier security products, solutions and services, focusing on the Middle East and F-Secure Corporation, the leading provider of centrally managed security solutions for the mobile enterprise, are warning computer users in the region of a new variant of the Zafi email worm - Zafi.B - that was found in the wild on Friday, June 11th.

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Due to the worm's rapid speed of spread, it was raised to Radar level 2 alert on Sunday, June 13th. The worm spreads by email in variable PIF-, .EXE-, or COM -attachments. It also sends the messages in several different languages; e.g. in English, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Swedish, German or Finnish.

Like a typical email worm, Zafi.B also gathers addresses from the users address books and then spreads by sending itself to those addresses. When the worm activates, it copies itself to the Windows System Directory with a random .DLL and random .EXE name. After this the worm scans through all directories in the system and replicates as either 'winamp 7.0 full\_install.exe' or 'Total Commander 7.0 full\_install.exe' to all folders that contain 'share' or 'upload' in their name. In addition to this, it terminates all applications that have 'firewall' or 'virus' in their filename.

In a strategic partnership with F-Secure, for the Middle East, AGT focuses on providing Arab organizations with F-Secure's award-winning security solutions, including antivirus, desktop firewall with intrusion prevention and network encryption.

The alliance with F-Secure significantly enhances AGT's leading market position in the Middle East. 'It is fortuitous that we have these solutions available at a time when the challenges facing the Arab organisations are increasing,' says Anas Chbib, Managing Director of AGT.

"This worm is tricky, as it has a feature that can close down firewalls and antivirus programs in order to help itself spread further", Mikael Albrecht, the product Manager at F-Secure explains. "But that's not all. Another interesting thing about this worm is that the infected messages come in many different languages. As most of the widely spread worms use only English, this feature may confuse the user to open the message - and the worm spreads on", he continues.

As an example an email message sent by Zafi.B may look like this:

Sender: Jennifer  
Subject: eYou've got 1 VoiceMessage!



Anas Chbib, Managing Director of AGT.

