

# Microsoft Forefront Server Security Management Console

Simplified management of Microsoft Forefront server security products across the enterprise

Microsoft® Forefront™ Server Security Management Console gives administrators easy, web-based management of Microsoft® Forefront™ Security for Exchange Server, Microsoft® Forefront™ Security for SharePoint®, and Microsoft® Antigen for centralized configuration, operation, update distribution, and reporting.

Microsoft Forefront Server Security Management Console is one of several products in the Forefront security portfolio from Microsoft. Formerly known as Antigen Enterprise Manager, this product is now released under the Microsoft® Forefront™ brand. It provides central management for all Forefront server security products and Microsoft Antigen products, helping ensure that administrators have optimal control over their messaging and collaboration security environments.

Messaging and collaboration security are critical to the overall productivity of today's businesses. Providing centralized and integrated control over protection settings for e-mail and document sharing allows IT administrators to improve organizational efficiency in responding to new threats in these environments.

The ability to centrally configure, update, and monitor security within and across antivirus products is also essential to lowering administration costs. According to Gartner, "the lack of management functionality within antivirus products remains a key complaint among businesses."<sup>1</sup>

## Improve Control of E-mail and Collaboration Security

Forefront Server Security Management Console helps administrators resolve the need for both better protection and reduced operational costs by providing simplified management for Exchange and SharePoint server security, comprehensive protection against malware outbreaks, and optimized performance of management controls.

## Simplified Management to ease the IT burden

Forefront Server Security Management Console provides a browser-based console that allows administrators to easily manage Forefront Security for Exchange Server, Forefront Security for SharePoint, and Microsoft Antigen. Through this console, they can centralize configuration and operation, automate the download and distribution of signature and scan engine updates, and generate comprehensive reports.

## Comprehensive Protection against the latest threats

Forefront server security products provide comprehensive protection against the latest threats by using multiple scan engines from leading security vendors. In a multi-server environment, Forefront Server Security Management Console gives administrators the ability to monitor, manage, and automatically update these engines across the enterprise, helping to lower risk because engines

are updated quickly across all servers. Forefront Server Security Management Console also enables administrators to rapidly respond to outbreaks across enterprise deployments, improving their organization's agility in responding to new threats.

## Optimized performance to keep servers available

Through efficiencies such as mail cluster support, management of secondary console servers as backup, and integration with Microsoft® Windows Server 2003 and Microsoft® SQL 2005, Forefront Server Security Management Console helps maintain the reliability and performance of messaging and collaboration servers while also helping to protect them against threats.

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Download now at [www.microsoft.com/forefront/serversecurity/mgmt/default.aspx](http://www.microsoft.com/forefront/serversecurity/mgmt/default.aspx)

<sup>1</sup> Gartner Group; *Enterprise Antivirus Market in Disarray: Leaders Needed*; December 2004

## How Microsoft Forefront Server Security Management Console Works

Forefront Server Security Management Console is a browser-based solution that provides centralized control of Forefront Security for Exchange Server, Forefront Security for SharePoint and Microsoft Antigen products. It is deployed on Windows Server 2003 and communicates with all Forefront server security and Microsoft Antigen products within an enterprise to provide remote configuration, automated download and distribution of engine updates, distributed quarantine management, comprehensive reporting, and SMTP/SNMP alerting.

### Simplified Management

- **Centralized Web-based control.** Easily manage servers remotely, configure settings, deploy agents, update signatures, generate comprehensive reports, and receive outbreak alerts from across the infrastructure.
- **One-stop, automated updates.** Automatically update multiple scan engines. Microsoft constantly monitors its antivirus vendors' new signatures and engine updates. Within minutes, these updates are tested against a current virus database, confirmed, and posted for automatic download by Forefront Server Security Management Console. The console then distributes the updates to all Forefront Security for Exchange Server, Forefront Security for SharePoint, and Microsoft Antigen deployments within the enterprise.

- **Automatic Server Discovery.** Automatically discover new Exchange servers and help ensure proper security configurations and reporting for all messaging servers added to the environment.
- **Migration Protection.** Manage protection for Exchange Server 2003 and Exchange 2000 environments during migration to Exchange 2007 with support for Forefront Security for Exchange Server, Microsoft Antigen for Exchange, Microsoft Antigen for SMTP Gateways, and Microsoft Antigen Spam Manager.
- **Localized in 11 languages.** Manage e-mail and collaboration server security in English, German, French, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, Korean, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Portuguese (Brazil), or Russian.

### Comprehensive Protection

- **Outbreak response.** Receive warning when Exchange and SharePoint servers are under attack, and respond to new threats by creating and distributing file or content filters enterprise-wide to stop an outbreak in its tracks.
- **Rapid Update Distribution.** Help ensure all servers are protected with the latest signatures through immediate download and distribution of updates. If any updates fail, alerts allow administrators to quickly respond and minimize risk of exposure on Exchange or SharePoint servers in the enterprise.

### Optimized Performance

- **Effective mail cluster support.** Monitor and report on both active and passive Exchange 2007 CCR cluster nodes and help ensure messaging traffic remains secure even if individual mail server nodes fail.
- **Redundancy.** Monitor system health and offload critical functions like signature updates and security setting propagation to a secondary Forefront Server Security Management Console server if necessary to help ensure availability, updates, and protection.
- **Integration with SQL 2005 and Windows 2003 Server.** Enjoy optimal server performance and security through integration with Microsoft technologies. The console uses SQL 2005 for quarantine and reporting data, providing more secure and reliable data management. It also takes advantage of the security and performance benefits of Windows 2003 Server.

### Microsoft Forefront Server Security Management Console System Requirements

Beta 1 features and functionality require Microsoft Windows Server 2003; 512MB of RAM; 250MB of disk space; IIS 6.0 or higher; and Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Standard edition (SP3 recommended) or MSDE. (Some features may not be enabled in the Beta 1 release. The Beta 2 release, planned for mid-2007, will be available only in English and is expected to include all other features and functionality described above.)

For more information about Microsoft Forefront Server Security Management Console, visit <http://www.microsoft.com/forefront/serversecurity>

