THE MICROSOFT SECURITY UPDATE

The Microsoft Security Update is an e-mail alert service designed for home users and small businesses that provides information about Microsoft security updates and virus alerts. Microsoft also uses this service to make subscribers aware that they might need to take action to guard against a circulating security threat.

This month's security updates address newly discovered issues in Microsoft(R) Windows (R), including Microsoft Outlook Express, a component of Windows. To learn about these updates and which software is affected, go to Microsoft.com: http://go.microsoft.com/?LinkID=466770.

VIRUS ALERTS

Microsoft has verified that a malicious worm known as **W32.Sasser.worm** and variants of that worm are spreading on the Internet.

You can help protect your computer by downloading and installing **Microsoft Security Update MS04-011**. You can find more informationon this update at: **http://go.microsoft.com/?LinkID=466770**

If you have already installed the update, you are protected from the worm. If you have not already installed the update, you can download and install it from the Windows Update Web site. The update is listed in the critical updates under the update number **835732**.

http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com

If you think your computer may be infected by W32. Sasser.worm, find out for sure and learn what you can do to remove it by visiting the What You Should Know About Sasser page at: **http://www.microsoft. com/security/incident/sasser.asp**

BEWARE OF BOGUS BULLETINS

If you receive an e-mail message that claims to contain a Microsoft software update, it is probably a virus trying to trick you into infecting your computer. Microsoft never widely distributes software in e-mail messages.

Learn how to spot a bogus bulletin: **http://www. microsoft.com/security/antivirusauthenticate_ mail.asp**

SECURITY WEBSITE

http://www.microsoft.com/security/

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

PROTECT YOUR PC

Microsoft has provided information on how you can help protect your PC at: **http://www.microsoft. com/security/protect/**

HELP PROTECT YOUR PC FROM MASS-MAILER WORMS, SUCH AS BAGLE AND NETSKY

http://www.microsoft.com/security/incident/ mass_mailer.asp

MICROSOFT SUPPORT

Technical support is available from Microsoft Product Support Services at 1-866-PC SAFETY (1-866-727-2338) in the United States and Canada only. There is no charge for support calls associated with security updates. International customers can get support from their local Microsoft subsidiaries. Phone numbers for international support can be found at: **http://support.microsoft.com/common/ international.aspx**