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Asprox Botnet Stopped in its Tracks by WAF
Yet another testament to the value of proactive protection

Minneapolis, Minn. – May 15, 2008 – Researchers at SecureWorks have discovered a botnet that is rapidly assembling thousands of compromised computers to perpetrate SQL injection attacks against websites. Organizations that have deployed the webApp**.secure**™ Professional Edition Web application firewall were pleased to learn their servers were not recruited into the Asprox army.

Infected computers use Google to search for a series of terms within .asp pages. It then launches SQL injection attacks against the list of websites resulting from the search. Researchers say the attack injects an HTML IFRAME into the target website that will redirect unsuspecting visitors to another website. Estimates suggest there may be as many as 15,000 hosts in the Asprox botnet.

webScurity customers were secure in the knowledge that webApp**.secure** was diligently defending their websites against all SQL injection attacks – including those launched from Asprox-infected hosts. Their sites were protected irregardless of vulnerabilities that may exist with their server configuration or Web applications.

"SecureWorks experts tell us this is the first example of a botnet designed to launch SQL injection attacks," says webScurity founder and CTO Wayne Ziebarth. "Only the attackers know what new attack methods are waiting for us around the corner. The only practical, effective measures organizations can do to protect themselves is to expand existing defense-in-depth strategies to include proactive Web application security technology."

No defense-in-depth strategy is complete without the proactive protection provided by the webApp**.secure** Web application firewall.

About webScurity Inc.
webScurity Inc. is a maker of highly specialized Web security software. Company principals have over 20 years of security industry experience with more than 10 years in the Web application security discipline. This experience is rooted in Web application code assessments within the banking industry. The company's proven Web application firewall technology was developed from an extensive knowledge base and is used by public and private sector organizations. webApp**.secure** has been protecting Web sites and applications since 2002.

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