Helping You Protect Your Computer Since 1993

FRISK Software International was founded in 1993. The main purpose of the company is to develop and maintain the F-PROT engine and the F-PROT Antivirus product line. The name of the company is derived from the first letters of Friðrik Skúlason, the entrepreneur who started the company. FRISK also means good health in Icelandic.

When F-PROT Antivirus was first launched in 1989 the antivirus business was just beginning to form. Back then, each malware sample was named and companies could easily hold a register of known malware and develop a signature file against each sample. The antivirus business has transformed since then and FRISK Software has met the new challenges with innovation, dedication and resourcefulness.

The first version of F-PROT Antivirus was released in Iceland but soon sold worldwide. In 1993 FRISK Software was founded around the development of the product. In Iceland the program is named after St. Peter, who guards the gates of heaven. Much the same way the antivirus program guards the gate to your computer. Back in 1989 F-PROT Antivirus used string search – searching for specific byte sequences, but this method is almost never used these days. Instead the methods used are based on various fingerprints or rules. Nowadays, for any given piece of malware, F-PROT is able to support multiple detection methods – with different methods used, depending on the type of the malware and the circumstances.

### SUPPORT AND MARKETING

From the time the company started and until 2002, the main focus of the company was to build the antivirus engine (F-PROT) and nurture OEM and distribution licensing agreements with international partners. In 2002 this situation changed as FRISK Software began to focus more on its own sales and marketing and building a team of experts in global marketing while remaining true to its core functions of developing the antivirus engine. The sales and marketing department is now supported by a large network of resellers and distributors all over the world. From the very beginning, FRISK Software has used the internet for distribution and marketing. It is still the main focus of the company’s marketing strategy.

FRISK Software customers range from the careful home user to large corporations. At FRISK Software, the objective of both the sales and technical support teams is to provide accurate, helpful and prompt assistance to customer requests. Each of the company’s customers receives a personal service and the company strives to provide outstanding product at a reasonable price.

### THE PIONEER

Friðrik Skúlason is the founder of FRISK Software and the driving force behind the company. Before he started FRISK Software he had developed an Icelandic spelling checker and a genealogy program for local use as well as the first version of F-PROT Antivirus. After the early editions of F-PROT Antivirus, Friðrik Skúlason continued his antivirus innovations by developing the first commercial heuristic based detection method in the antivirus business. Using this method F-PROT Antivirus is not only able to detect a specific virus but a whole family of viruses through generic signature. This breakthrough is now a standard in nearly all antivirus products.

Friðrik Skúlason holds a degree in computer science from the University of Iceland and has mentored many promising antivirus researchers throughout the world who have since become part of his strong team of antivirus experts or done well elsewhere in the industry. Friðrik Skúlason was the first recipient of the Information Technology award from The Icelandic Society for Information Processing – ISIP. He has also been awarded with the Icelandic Computers Science Award in February 1999, and in December 1999 Friðrik Skúlason was honored with the nomination of ‘Computer specialist of the Century’ in Iceland.
Lower Your Risk with FRISK

PARTNERS

FRISK Software has developed multiple alliances with various partners for the development, distribution and certification of its engine and product line. FRISK Software has benefited in many fields from these partnerships and is thankful for the opportunity to work with highly regarded companies all over the world.

Current OEM partners include, amongst others, AvailaSoft Corporation, Commtouch Inc, Coranti, Digital Systems s.r.o., G DATA Software AG, perComp-Verlag GmbH, Sangfor and Sendmail Inc. Other companies that have utilized the F·PROT engine technology for OEM licensing are Data Fellows (F-Secure Corporation) and Command Software Systems (Authentium). Through the years, FRISK Software has entered into important technology partnerships with some of the world’s most significant technology companies. Among those partners have been IBM, Microsoft, SUSE and Sun Microsystems.

Since 2002 FRISK Software has in addition to technology and OEM partners, focused on building its own global network of resellers and distributors. Today FRISK Software has more than 300 partners in over 70 countries across the globe. FRISK Software is constantly adding partners and seeking promising opportunities with new ones.

PRODUCT HISTORY

F·PROT Antivirus for DOS was the original antivirus version and was available for over 15 years. Its first version was released as early as 1989 and support for this product ended in 2005.

OEM licensing has always played an important part at FRISK Software. With API documentation and SDK kits available for multiple platforms, including Windows, Linux, Solaris and Mac OS, the renowned F·PROT Antivirus technology can be easily integrated into a range of products where its powerful yet light-weight antivirus technology can benefit countless users.

F·PROT Antivirus for Windows was launched by FRISK Software in 1998 although OEM partners Data Fellows (now F-Secure) and Command Software Systems had launched F·PROT Professional for Windows as early as 1993. F·PROT Antivirus for Windows combines excellent detection, ease-of-use and flexibility into one lightweight and affordable antivirus package. F·PROT Antivirus offers comprehensive protection without affecting productivity. Signature-based malware detection together with advanced heuristics provides outstanding antivirus protection and automatic updates ensure low maintenance.

ADVANTAGES OF F·PROT ANTIVIRUS

F·PROT Antivirus has from the beginning been designed to be reliable, with low resource consumption, a good detection rate and ease-of-use. FRISK Software offers a competitive price, both for home and corporate users.

F·PROT Antivirus has been repeatedly awarded the Virus Bulletin’s VB 100% award, since first participating in 1999. AV-Test GmbH is also an important source of testing data for FRISK Software. New product versions and features are tested thoroughly by our test lab before they are released to customers. In addition to these tests, F·PROT Antivirus is subjected to rigorous testing, both in-house and by independent companies.

F·PROT Antivirus for Exchange was first offered in March 2003 and has since been a stable part of the company’s product selection. F·PROT Antivirus for Exchange is designed to protect Exchange mail servers and stop malware at the server level which is an effective way to prevent malware infection from spreading onto a company’s network.

F·PROT Antivirus for Linux/Linux on IBM xSeries/BSD/Solaris SPARC/Solaris x86/AIX on IBM pSeries and zSeries: In 2002 and 2003 FRISK Software began to offer a much wider selection of products. The first new product was F·PROT Antivirus for Linux. To follow were products for a wide range of operating systems. Today, FRISK Software offers F·PROT Antivirus for all the above platforms for workstations, mail servers and file servers.

F·PROT AVES: One of the first products launched when FRISK Software ventured outside its OEM licensing framework, was a managed antivirus and antispam e-mail security service named F·PROT AVES. F·PROT AVES is an established, managed antivirus and antispam e-mail security service, which provides advanced protection against Internet threats.

CORE MISSION

- Outstanding detection
- Light-weight and fast software
- Easy-to-use programs
- Competitive pricing