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Version 2.0 of the free Malware scanner “a-squared Free” is now available from Emsi Software

The new version offers four new scan methods, analysis of packed archive files, a scan exception list for folders and Malware names, many new control elements and better performance with less memory usage.

Oberndorf, Austria on the 31st of July 2006 – Emsi Software, the security software specialists, announced the release of a-squared Free 2.0. According to the motto “Security should not be a privilege”, Emsi Software have made a Malware scanner available free for private use, offering almost the same functionality as the purchased “a-squared Anti-Malware” version. a-squared Free 2.0 offers protection from Spyware, Trojans, Backdoors, Worms, Dialers, Keyloggers and other software pests, and is extremely easy to use.

All folders and drives selected by the user are checked for Malware. The analysis is done using special heuristics and also using a signature database with over 430,000 signatures. If Malware is found on the computer, then this can be completely removed from the computer without affecting the stability of the system.

The new version offers three pre-configured scan methods that vary in their speed and quality of scan. An additional personalized scan also allows individual scan settings to be stored and used again.

The product now also scans packed archive files (e.g. ZIP, RAR, CAB and other derivatives) and invisible data streams (Alternate Data Streams - ADS). Another new feature is an exception list allowing individual elements to be excluded from the scan based on the name of the Malware or the file path. The user can thus (e.g.) always scan Internet Explorer Cookies for Malware while ignoring Firefox Cookies.

In certain situations, removal of Malware can make the system unstable if the Malware has already manipulated the system too greatly. The new quarantine feature is very useful in these situations: The user can decide between immediately removing the discovered pest, or placing it first under quarantine. To simplify a decision on how to handle a particular piece of Malware, detailed information on each of the discovered objects can be obtained online directly from the scan result list.

New user interface feature: The new “Scan a-squared Free” file or folder pop-up menu entry for Windows Explorer allows multiple files or folders to be selected for an immediate scan.

The user can now do an immediate scan without an Internet connection; the user login required by the previous version is no longer necessary. Also: a-squared Free 2.0 now offers better performance and uses less memory.

a-squared Free 2.0 can be downloaded by private users for free at:
<http://www.emsisoft.com/en/software/download/>.



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For all the details on a-squared Free see: <http://www.emsisoft.com/en/software/free/>

The differences between a-squared Free 2.0 and the purchased version a-squared Anti-Malware 2.0 are listed here:

<http://www.emsisoft.com/en/software/compare/>

We also provide our own forum for communication between the users at:

<http://forum.emsisoft.com/>

a-squared products are available in over 20 different languages, with full Emsi Software customer support and websites provided in German, English, French, Spanish, Italian and Japanese.

Images such as logos, screenshots and packaging shots, are available in our press area at: <http://www.emsisoft.com/en/company/press/>

Further information about Emsi Software is provided at: <http://www.emsisoft.com>

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ABOUT EMSI SOFTWARE

Emsi Software GmbH was founded in Oberndorf, Austria, in 2003. The Emsi team is distributed all over the world and is committed to creating a safe Internet where anyone can surf without danger. The Emsi Software flagship product is [a-squared Anti-Malware](#): The security tool removes [Trojans](#), [Worms](#), [Keyloggers](#), [Dialers](#) and [Spyware/Adware](#) from any PC. Under the motto "Security should not be a privilege" Emsisoft also provide their basic technology for free with the a-squared Free product.

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