Norton Launches 2012 Products, Extends "Norton Everywhere" Initiative

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MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. – Sept. 7, 2011 – Norton by Symantec (Nasdaq: SYMC) today released Norton Internet Security and Norton AntiVirus 2012 and announced several new products, all of which further its Norton Everywhere initiative to protect consumers everywhere they go – across locations, platforms, devices and digital experiences. The company is delivering on the initiative with mobile and cloud-based technology, including new features in the Norton 2012 products and introducing Norton Tablet Security and Norton Anti-Theft.

Norton AntiVirus and Norton Internet Security 2012 are designed to improve on their already industry-leading benchmarks for protection and performance, while enhancing the overall user experience. Other new Norton offerings go beyond traditional internet security to provide tablet and mobile device protection, family safety solutions, and the ability to find your lost or stolen laptop or Android device.

"For the past few years we have witnessed an explosion of devices, platforms and applications for consumers to enjoy. However, with these exciting changes come new digital dangers and an even greater need for consumers to be protected from cybercrime," said Janice Chaffin, group president, Consumer Business Unit, Symantec. "As the world leader in security, Norton will continue striving to ensure that our customers are safe wherever they go, whatever digital experience they choose to have."

Norton 2012 Security Products

Norton 2012 brings key new features to address the latest threats and powerful protection against one of today's greatest consumer concerns: ensuring online personal information remains confidential. Additionally, Norton brings a powerful combination of reputation, file, behavior and network based protection to provide the most comprehensive security to date. Key security technologies and usability improvements include:

- Norton Identity Safe in the Cloud1 – Protects personal and financial information from cybercriminals and keeps users safe from fraudulent websites. New streamlined interface, simplified login experience, and ability to store passwords in the cloud makes accessibility easy from any computer with Norton Internet Security 2012 installed.

- Norton Management – New web-based functionality lets users manage their Norton products from anywhere in the world. Users can remotely add Norton products, manage security settings and update subscriptions, making it simple to check on the health of their devices or fix issues without needing to be there in person.

- Norton Insight – Norton's exclusive reputation-based security technology leverages the anonymous software adoption patterns of millions of contributing Symantec users to automatically identify and block never before seen malicious software.

- Download Insight – Checks every downloaded file for safety before installation and now provides users with additional data about the predicted stability of the application in their environment based on the stability experiences of millions of other Symantec users.

- SONAR – Improved SONAR technology monitors running applications for suspicious behavior to quickly detect and disable previously unknown threats.

- Norton User Experience – From the streamlined main user interface, Norton 2012 offers quick access to Norton Mobile Security Lite, Norton Cybercrime Index, Norton Online Family and website ratings service Norton Safe Web2.

Norton 2012 also continues to set the industry bar for protection and performance. For the second year in a row, Norton placed first in overall protection according to testing from AV-Test Institute. In addition, Norton Internet Security 2012 ranked first in overall performance testing by both PassMark Software and AV-Comparatives. According to Symantec's internal testing, Norton 2012 even outperforms the award-winning 2011 version with 30 percent faster scans, 17 percent faster boot time and 24 percent faster file copying.

Protecting People and Their Information

Norton today is announcing several new offerings under its Norton Everywhere initiative that go beyond internet security and give consumers the power to protect themselves and their families across multiple devices and platforms. - Norton Tablet Security – Available in the next few weeks, this new offering is designed specifically for Android tablets to protect the device, your privacy and your important data against loss, theft, viruses, and other threats. - Norton Anti-Theft Beta – Available as a free download today, this new web service allows users to quickly and easily lock, locate and possibly get back a PC, laptop or Android device – and the invaluable information on it – in the event it is ever lost or stolen. Norton Anti-Theft beta includes several key features including Sneak Peek, which allows users to remotely activate the Web cam on their lost or stolen device to see who has it. - Norton Online Family for Android and iOS users – Now out of beta, this free mobile application allows parents using Norton Online Family to view their children's online activities and manage each child's "House Rules" from their iPhone, iPad and iPod touch or Android device.

These new mobile offerings complement the existing Norton Mobile Security Lite and full featured Norton Mobile Security products. The offerings seamlessly combine anti-theft features with powerful antimalware, giving users a sense of security in the event their phone is ever lost, stolen or compromised by malware.