



## AUSSIE WEBSPY PARTNERS WITH MICROSOFT

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Local software company WebSpy, which develops software to monitor and manage corporate e-mail and Internet usage, has announced the integration of its Analyzer product with Microsoft's Internet Security and Acceleration Server (ISA Server).

This deal is the first one signed to integrate with Microsoft's enterprise firewall product and according to WebSpy CEO Jack Andrys, WebSpy is the first Australian company to partner with Microsoft.

Microsoft has been paying a lot of attention to security lately. Ben English, security and product manager Microsoft Australia says the company recognizes what a big headache patch management is for IT managers. He assures that a lot of effort has gone into eliminating vulnerabilities before the product is shipped.

"Microsoft has been forced to do a lot of work [in security]" explains Andrys. "ISA was not strong in reporting which is where WebSpy comes in".

He says WebSpy's policy isn't to block and filter e-mail, merely to monitor and report.

Use of the Analyzer product is just the start of a long-term relationship with Microsoft. According to Andrys both companies have plans to further integrate other products in WebSpy's portfolio.

While the company's name can have come negative connotations in regards to invasion of privacy Andrys insists the software does not break any privacy laws and the company isn't "here to invade anyone's privacy".

"I think it is important to know what is happening in your company and how it affects your staff-it is important for management," says Andrys, and it is nice to know he doesn't condone sacking staff for misuse of e-mail, instead he says the software should be used to help create appropriate policies.

"Laying people off for misuse of e-mail is irresponsible. It is a management problem and obviously shows a policy problem within the company," he says.

While being based in Perth, the software company has so far spent time focusing on overseas marketplaces. This deal kicks off the company's plans to further penetrate the local market.

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