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Subject: RE: Vulnerability Advisory

Date: Tue, 04 Dec 2007 17:02:48 +0100

Entertaining to think you must have sent the same letters to your own customers:

<http://xforce.iss.net/xforce/xfdb/38645>

<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/26604>

In case you are unaware of this, then the above two sites are owned and operated by IBM and Symantec respectively.

According to your own phrasing, they have "knowingly" posted "false" and "misleading" information, especially the latter. I wonder how their lawyers respond to your claims. Our advisory on the contrary clearly states that Autonomy provide patches:

<http://secunia.com/advisories/27849/>

Instead of wasting valuable resources on this, you ought to establish proper procedures for publishing this information yourself in the same manner as all other respectable software vendors (including your own customers) have done for years. Deliberately hiding and attempting to conceal security information generally gives very bad publicity.

We have in no way or by no means conducted any "actions", which cause "patent violation". This ought to be obvious for anyone whether they have a legal or technical background.

I strongly advise that Autonomy back off from further unsubstantiated and emotional "legal" accusations and start showing that they are a responsible software vendor, who only want to supply good and safe software to the market.

On Mon, 2007-12-03 at 10:26 -0800, Joel Scott wrote:

> Mr Kristensen:

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> Please see attached.

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> Regards,

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> Joel Scott

> Associate General Counsel

> Autonomy, Inc.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Thomas Kristensen [<mailto:tk@secunia.com>]

> Sent: Monday, December 03, 2007 5:10 AM

> To: Jay Boehm

> Cc: vuln@secunia.com; Joel Scott; jmcdonne@autonomy.com
> Subject: Re: Vulnerability Advisory
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> There is absolutely nothing misleading in publishing an advisory
> documenting "historic" issues; in fact, it would be misleading to
> conceal such facts.
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> All code audited by Secunia has been obtained in a legal manner.
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> You have absolutely no authority to dictate when, where, or how we
> publish details about our vulnerability research.
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> If you wish to continue our mutual corporation and coordination of
> disclosing vulnerabilities in your products, then I suggest that you
> find different ways and means of communicating rather than legal
> threats.
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> We shall continue to provide our services, conduct research in your
> products and other products as usual in the best interest of our
mutual
> customers and the Internet in general.
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Kind regards,

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