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**3COM'S ZERO DAY INITIATIVE ISSUES ADVISORY FOR SYMANTEC
VULNERABILITIES DISCOVERED THROUGH PROGRAM**

*3Com Research Programs Lead to Discovery and Patch of Vulnerabilities through
Collaboration with Vendor; 3Com Protects Customers Before Flaw Disclosed Publicly*

MALBOROUGH, Mass. – March 28, 2006 – 3Com and its TippingPoint division, announced three new vulnerabilities in Symantec's VERITAS NetBackup. Two of the vulnerabilities were discovered and disclosed through the Zero Day Initiative (ZDI), and one was discovered through the TippingPoint Security Research Team. Through ZDI, 3Com notified Symantec of the vulnerabilities, who worked quickly to issue corresponding patches yesterday, eliminating the threat of a zero day attack. The Symantec buffer overflow vulnerabilities could allow an attacker to execute code, resulting in the compromise of vulnerable clients and servers running the affected software.

Upon validating the vulnerability information, 3Com reported the first vulnerability to Symantec in December. The other two vulnerabilities were validated and reported to Symantec in January. Upon notification, Symantec applied the necessary resources to address the vulnerabilities and issued the patch today. 3Com customers using the TippingPoint™ Intrusion Prevention System (IPS) have been preemptively protected against potential zero day attacks targeting the vulnerability since the vendor was notified.

The Zero Day Initiative was launched by 3Com in July to enable the responsible disclosure of vulnerabilities in order to make technology more secure for users and

businesses. A zero day vulnerability is one that is unknown or one that has been publicly disclosed without a corresponding patch or solution. Since the launch, over 300 researchers have registered for the program.

Through the program, 3Com rewards security researchers for responsibly informing 3Com of newly discovered zero day vulnerabilities. 3Com notifies the affected vendor so a patch can be developed and the researcher agrees to keep the information confidential until the patch is issued so affected organizations are not at risk of attack. In addition to protecting all users from zero day threats by ensuring potentially harmful information is kept confidential until a patch is issued, TippingPoint customers are protected against exploits of zero day vulnerabilities through security filters delivered through the Digital Vaccine[®] service.

Symantec's advisory credits 3Com with the discovery, stating, "Symantec thanks 3Com for reporting these issues and for providing full coordination under responsible disclosure while Symantec resolved them."

For a full list of ZDI advisories and specific information on the Symantec vulnerabilities, please visit: <http://www.zerodayinitiative.com/advisories.html>.

About TippingPoint, a division of 3Com

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