

Virus protection

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I manage about 500 xp machines, which are running Symantec enterprise that points to a windows 2003 box running the enterprise service. I have the server checking for virus updates every hour and pushing them out to the clients when they are available. The problem I am noticing is that when viruses are released onto the net it takes Symantec some time to develop a definition to protect the machines. In my eyes that means there is a point where my network is vunrable to mail born viruses and what not. Is there any other type of virus protection, maybe something that fingerprints packets at the switch level? What do other large companies do to protect there network? Other than go to a different operating system.

Thank you

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