

### ***Reveal Win95 Passwords***

SnadBoy's Revelation application for Windows 95 is able to crack and reveal the passwords Win95 users have saved. Passwords, such as the dial-up networking password can be revealed.

Designed to help recover long-forgotten passwords, Revelation was designed to help users who have automated the entry of Win95 passwords using the "remember my password" box in the Win95 dialogue window.

However, the utility can also be used by hackers to gain access to a computer's password cache.

Users who are concerned about security should deselect the "remember my password" option and manually enter the password each time. This will prevent Win95 from saving the password between sessions.

### ***No Clones?***

Intel Corporation has designed its newest CPU, the Pentium II, with a "Slot 1" connection that has a grooved-edge connector. The processor stands more or less upright inside a cartridge.

The Slot 1 interface also requires a redesign of the mainboard's system bus, which controls the flow of data between the processor and the other system devices.

But rather than just turning the design of PC processors on its ear, Intel's Slot 1 configuration has caused major upset to competitor chip makers, AMD and Cyrix.

Essentially, the processor giant could force others out of the business with a radically different chip design that only Intel knows how to build.

### ***Enterprise Security Suite***

McAfee Associates Inc. will offer a suite of software products that combines security and virus protection.

Next month McAfee will release its TVD (Total Virus Defense) Suite. Designed for Internet servers and gateways, the protection will monitor network activity and distribute software updates from a central server.

Using McAfee's BackWeb Technologies Inc. push channel, the TVD Enterprise Console monitors activity and allows system administrators to distribute updates such as virus protection to end users in less time than previously required.

The Enterprise Console updates both 16-bit and 32-bit desktops and runs with NetWare and Windows NT Server 4.0. Alerts can be sent through both OpenView and Unicenter.

TVD, starts at \$23 per user for a 1,000-user license, and it includes desktop applications that provide protection from infected floppy disks, boot sector viruses, email viri, and viri carried in from hostile Java or ActiveX applets which may come from the Internet.

The suite will support Notes groupware and Exchange. McAfee can be reached at [www.mcafee.com](http://www.mcafee.com).

### ***MS Office 97 Update***

Microsoft has posted a patch at [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) that updates Office 97.

The Service Release 1 (SR-1) fixes several glitches including those that have made it hard to share documents created in Word 97 with users with older word processing programs, such as Word 6.0 and Word 95.

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### ***Encryption Bug Averted***

Pretty Good Privacy, maker of the most popular ultra-secure encryption software, has averted a potential security hole in PGP 5.0. PGP 5.0 is used to encrypt email messages and files. The potential security problem isn't caused by PGP, but rather by Windows 95's file caching scheme. Find details at [www.dgl.com/dglinfo/1997/dg970829.html](http://www.dgl.com/dglinfo/1997/dg970829.html)

### ***IBM Releases ViaVoice***

International Business Machines (IBM) has begun shipping its ViaVoice dictation software. ViaVoice sells for \$99 retail and includes a headset with microphone that can be linked through a PC sound card for text dictation to Microsoft Word. Integration with other word processors is also expected.

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