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## **Appligent Releases APActiveCheck**

*Tool examines PDF files for potentially harmful viruses and ensures compliance with submission guidelines when filing documents*

**Lansdowne, PA, March 31, 2002-** Appligent, Inc., ([www.appligent.com](http://www.appligent.com)), a leading provider of Portable Document Format (PDF)-related software solutions, today announced the release of APActiveCheck, a software utility that scans PDF documents for potentially damaging links, scripts and attachments that could create havoc for an enterprise. Organizations like the Securities and Exchange Commission and the International Trade Commission are currently using APActiveCheck to ensure that business submissions comply with set guidelines.

PDF files are fast becoming the most universally accepted and widely used format for transporting vital information via email and over the Internet. Many businesses and organizations increasingly rely on PDF files to streamline their day-to-day operations. For example, many companies must file time-sensitive documents with the International Trade Commission (ITC), which maintains strict guidelines for all PDF submissions. The ITC utilizes APActiveCheck to inspect PDF files as long as 500 pages for embedded active content, which could impact a document's usefulness and system security. This active content includes JavaScript, Web links, files containing viruses or "Trojan horses"—file attachments that can destroy files on a user's hard drive. In addition active content can negate the archivability of files by referencing external resources, which may not be accessible in the future.

To help prevent filings from being rejected by organizations with submissions guidelines like the ITC, companies can proactively deploy APActiveCheck to inspect all

PDF files prior to submission. In addition Appligent's free software tool, APStripFiles, can be used to automatically remove embedded files. For reference, APStripFiles retains the annotation icons in a document even as it removes the files attached to those icons. APStripFiles will not harm comments attached to the icons as standard Acrobat annotations.

By employing both APActiveCheck and APStripFiles, companies reduce the risk of their PDF files being rejected by the destination company or organization. They can also be integrated with other Appligent applications and utilities like AppendPDF Pro or StampPDF Batch to build powerful automated solutions for document processing.

“Correcting a rejected submission wastes valuable time. In addition, companies can run the risk of missing deadlines, which may result in serious repercussions,” says Virginia Gavin, President of Appligent. “By using APActiveCheck and APStripFiles, businesses can ensure that all PDF files are compliant before submission, saving time and effort and minimizing risk.”

Both APActiveCheck and APStripFiles are designed to work on the command-line and can be incorporated into a workflow in an unattended environment. They are available for a variety of Unix systems, including Solaris, Red Hat Linux, AIX and HP-UX, as well as Mac OS X and Windows NT/2000. APActiveCheck retails for \$199 per server.

For more information on Appligent, please contact Grace Alfredo at (610) 642-8253 or [grace@gregoryfca.com](mailto:grace@gregoryfca.com), or visit [www.appligent.com](http://www.appligent.com).

### **About Appligent**

Appligent, ([www.appligent.com](http://www.appligent.com)), is the leading provider of plug-in and server-based production-grade tools for the on-demand customization, manipulation and delivery of dynamically generated electronic documents. Based in Lansdowne, PA, Appligent has provided PDF-related software applications to users throughout the world since 1993. The company's products are used in various industries, including financial services, government, insurance, banking, manufacturing, legal and pharmaceutical.