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Guidance Software Announces Forensic Security Research Program

Thousands of dollars in prize money is available for original forensic artifacts

PASADENA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Guidance Software, the makers of EnCase®, the gold standard in forensic security, today announced the launch of its Forensic Artifact Research Program. The program was created as a forum for digital forensic security researchers to share information and be recognized for the critical work they do to investigate cybercrime and stop cyber threats.

"Digital forensic researchers work on a daily basis to uncover evidence and new methodologies to help defend against crime and cyberattacks," said Michael Harris, chief marketing officer at Guidance. "This is an opportunity for us to shine a spotlight on how forensic techniques are used, not only to investigate cybercrime, but to improve the cybersecurity tools that help keep our clients and their customers more secure."

The program is looking for previously unpublished forensic artifacts - residual forensic evidence left behind when users or applications interact with the operating system. The goal is to identify new opportunities to help investigators discover intrusions, intellectual property theft, and common cybercrimes. All submissions must include a detailed response that includes the type of information stored and how it can be reproduced.

A panel of Guidance experts and third-party forensic investigators will evaluate submissions based on practicality for forensic investigations, newsworthiness, and overall business impact.

Prizes include:

- One (1) grand prize of $5,000,
- Five (5) second place prizes offering $1,000 each,
- And, five (5) third place prizes awarding $500 each.

The deadline for entries is August 31, 2017, at 11:59 p.m. PDT. Prizes will be awarded by Sept. 30, 2017. To review more details and submit research, please visit the program's homepage.

About Guidance Software

Guidance (NASDAQ: GUID) exists to turn chaos and the unknown into order and the known-so that companies and their customers can go about their daily lives as usual without worry or disruption, knowing their most valuable information is safe and secure. The makers of EnCase®, the gold standard in forensic security, and EnForce™, an automated cyber risk management platform, Guidance provides a mission-critical foundation of market-leading applications that offer deep 360-degree visibility across all endpoints, devices and networks, allowing proactive identification and remediation of threats.

From retail to financial institutions, our field-tested and court-proven solutions are deployed on an estimated 33 million endpoints at more than 70 of the Fortune 100 and hundreds of agencies worldwide, from beginning to endpoint.

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