

## **AVANQUEST SOFTWARE SHIPS SECURITY PACKAGE TO PROTECT PERSONAL EMAIL AND DOCUMENTS**

Cloak™ v8 Provides Layers of Protection to Keep Private Information and Documents Safe and Secure

PLEASANTON, CA — March 1, 2006 — Avanquest Software, a leading developer and publisher of business and consumer software for the global PC market with operations in Europe, the U.S. and Asia, today announced the latest addition to its VCOM-branded arsenal of advanced security software with the release Cloak v8,, which Avanquest acquired from Insight-Concepts. Cloak uses a 25-bit Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) to safeguard personal data and email from prying eyes, providing users with a high level of security and protection.

Home users and office workers alike can compress and encrypt documents, encrypt and hide documents within images, send emails that appear completely blank to the naked eye, and also shred and permanently delete files from the operating system.

In addition to protecting documents and emails, Cloak also provides industry standard Internet trace cleaning options. Users can permanently erase cookies, temporary Internet documents, Internet history files, and recently typed URLs. Cloak is fully compatible with Microsoft Outlook for users who want to send secure files and emails.

"When email privacy and document protection are main concerns for security-conscious individuals, Cloak is the perfect solution to provide true protection," said Frank van Gilluwe, President of Avanquest Software Utility Products. "With identity theft, piracy and other forms of electronic fraud becoming more and more prevalent, it's imperative that valuable information and other sensitive data that's being stored or shared with colleagues, family or friends remain secure and confidential."

Other powerful features available with Cloak v8 include:

Encrypted Cloak File - compress and encrypt all important documents into a secure Cloak file, no matter what file size.  
Random Pixel Steganography - a new advanced form of encrypting and hiding files within images. Files hidden with Cloak are undetectable and cannot be decrypted without the correct password.  
Cloak Mail - Outlook users can send and receive emails that are encrypted and appear completely blank to the naked eye.  
File Shredding - securely shred and delete documents permanently from the operating system. Documents cannot be reconstructed or recovered once they have been shredded with Cloak.  
Automatic System Cleaning - permanently erase cookies, temporary Internet documents, Internet history files, recently typed URLs and recently accessed documents.

Cloak v8 is compatible with and operates on Windows 2000/XP systems. The software also requires a minimum of 64 MB (128MB is recommended).

Cloak v8 is available at leading software retail outlets across North America for a suggested retail price of \$34.95 and is available online at [www.v-com.com/product/Cloak\\_Home.html](http://www.v-com.com/product/Cloak_Home.html).

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