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stories: the worm silk road

The Robert Morris Internet Worm

released a self replicating, self propogating worm which exploited the sendmail program slowed down a bunch of stuff, spread like wildfire he got convicted pretty hard

why did he release it...?

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