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ANIMAL (a popular game)

- Replication through the filesystem
- No effect

Simple Joke

Creeper (and **Reaper**) on Tenex OS (Arpanet)

- Replication through a modem and copied itself to the remote system
- Displays the message
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  I'M THE CREEPER : CATCH ME IF YOU CAN
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Disruptive

The **Rabbit** program

- Replication through the filesystem
- Reduces system performance till crashing

Destructive