Macro Viruses

A **macro virus** is written in scripting languages used by some office applications (can be cross-platform)

- Written in VBS, embedded in a MS-office document, activated when the document is open (autoload function)

Concept (1995)

Melissa (1999)

- March 26 1999, Melissa shut down e-mail systems that got clogged with infected e-mails

00's - The era of Trojan horses and internet worms

Context : the era of internet adoption by the public