



The Mydoom Virus

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Why My doom?

- It's the worst malware
 - 38 million in damages
 - also known as Novarg (Geeks for Geeks, 2022)



What is it?

- Malware
 - Sickness for computers
 - Spreads multiple ways



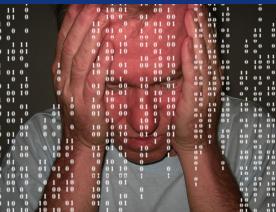
What kind of malware is it?

- A worm
 - It can replicate by itself
- There are other kinds



What does it do?

- It starts sending itself out to other computers via email attachments.
- The emails that are sent out contain an attachment that contains the virus
- When someone opens the attachment, their computer becomes infected
- It also infects any website visited and gets downloaded by anyone who visits it through files
 - (Geeks for Geeks, 2022)



How it works

- It spreads through email attachments, infected websites, or by downloading infected files from the Internet
- W32.Mydoom@mm
- usually disguised as a benign file, such as a PDF or Word document
- Immediately starts to spread itself around
 - (Geeks for Geeks, 2022)



Features of Mydoom

- Slow performance
- Frequent crashing or freezing
- Unusual or unexplained network activity
- Unexpected emails from the infected computer
- Files or programs disappearing
- Unusual or unexpected pop-up windows
- Changes to the infected computer's homepage
- New toolbars or icons on the desktop or in the browser
- Unexpected emails sent from the infected account
(Geeks for Geeks, 2022)

Prevention

- Keep your system up to date
- Keep an eye on your downloads
- Make back ups
- Use a firewall
- Be careful about your emails
 - Just don't open them if you're not sure
 - (Geeks for Geeks, 2022)



More prevention

- Antivirus
 - There are several kinds
 - Just pick what you think is worth it for you



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