



INFAMOUSLY POPULAR COMPUTER VIRUSES

What is a computer virus?

A computer virus is a program that runs on a user's computer without permission and spreads itself to other computers.

Viruses typically spread via email.

Spam



Unsolicited mass email that helps spread a virus. In some cases, spam may advertise something, such as the sale of prescription drugs, and utilizes thousands of computers to send spam emails. Spam is illegal in many countries.

DoS



DoS refers to an attack intended to flood a target system by overwhelming its capacity and rendering it inaccessible to legitimate users.

Malware



Malware is a harmful program designed to infiltrate, disrupt, or damage computer systems and networks. It operates by exploiting vulnerabilities in software or tricking users into installing it. Once installed, malware can execute various malicious activities like stealing sensitive information, corrupting files, remotely controlling the infected system.



Other Types of Viruses



Worm: A type of malware that replicates itself and spreads across computer networks, typically exploiting vulnerabilities in operating systems or applications.

Trojan: A malicious program that disguises itself as legitimate software to deceive users into installing it. Once installed, trojans can perform a variety of harmful actions, such as stealing sensitive information, damaging files, or providing unauthorized access to the infected system.



Adware: Software that automatically displays advertisements to the user, often in the form of pop-up windows or banners, without their consent.

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