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## Conycspa Worm cons computer users with a screensaver

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Next time you get an e-mail with a subject line 'screen saver', carrying an attachment, apply caution! An e-mail worm named 'Conycspa.p' is spreading with the help of spammed mails that promise you a screen saver, say security experts at MicroWorld Technologies.

Once a victim of this malware campaign downloads the attachment named 'web.exe' and tries to run it, Conycspa.p gets activated. The Worm comes with downloader Trojan capabilities as it tries to logon to many Websites and bring in a couple of Trojans, Adwares and Porn Dialers.

For its spreading routine, it harvests e-mail addresses by searching for DBX files and sends the malicious attachment to all stolen addresses. It smartly avoids e-mail IDs that contain strings like 'webmaster' and 'support.'

"At a time when malware writers are piggybacking on vulnerability exploits to sneak into computers and do all harm, the author of this worm comes from a rather old school of thought," points out Govind Rammurthy, CEO of MicroWorld Technologies. "He relies on exploiting the human vulnerability of impulsive curiosity. And the fact these kinds of worms are still managing to get some victims stresses on the need for better user education in e-mail handling."

According to Govind Rammurthy, another important aspect of many present day malware is to work in a two-tiered fashion, like in this case. Though an otherwise simpler variety, Conycspa's aim is to ultimately bring in more malicious code into the computer, which would play out later as its author wishes.

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