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E-Mail Worm Lures With a Screensaver

THE next time you get an e-mail with the subject line "Screensaver" carrying an attachment, watch out. The e-mail worm Conycspa.p is spreading with the help of spam mail that promises you a screensaver. Once a victim of this malware campaign downloads the attachment web.exe and tries to run it, the worm gets activated.

The worm comes with downloader Trojan capabilities as it tries to log on to many Web sites and bring in a couple of Trojans, adware and porn diallers.

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," said Govind Rammurthy, chief executive of Micro- World 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."

If infected with Conycspa.p, you can download and run the free MWAV toolkit from MicroWorld Technologies at <http://www.mwti.net/products/mwav/mwav.asp>.

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