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### Instant message links to worm

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An instant message that alerts you to a video clip of US President George W Bush letting his hair down is cover for a worm, security experts have warned.

The messages, usually written in Spanish, pop up on your MSN Messenger and contain a link to an infected webpage. Though there is a video of Bush dancing, it disguises a worm that will steal your contact list.

Similar to the Yahoo Messenger worm that [Web User reported earlier this week](#), the worm then sends the same message to people on the contact list, spreading the infection.

"Using fake and real stories about world political leaders is a tried and tested way of malware proliferation," says Rohini Sonawane, chief operating officer at MicroWorld.

"From death stories of Vladimir Putin, to the heart attack of Australian Prime Minister to the resurrection of Boris Yeltsin, these ploys have always triggered an instant reaction from a good number of computer users," said Sonawane.

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