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## Attackers Could Connect through User Computers

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A malware named Trojan-Proxy.Win32.Agent.y is on the prowl and like other members of its family, this one too facilitates a remote attacker to access the internet via a compromised computer, according to MicroWorld Technologies.

Drive-by-Download is another mode of propagation for the Trojan. Malicious websites force the malware into computers by exploiting browser vulnerabilities. So, all you need to do is to view those websites to get infected.

After finding its way into the computer, the Trojan activates an HTTP proxy server on TCP port 12080. It then uses a special configuration program to give a random port number for the proxy. Using it, a remote attacker can connect to different websites and launch nefarious activities like online robbery, identity theft, denial of service, attack and click fraud scam.

Rohini Sonawane, chief operating officer of MicroWorld says, "This Trojan is made to act as a camouflage mechanism for the attacker to hide his shady activities on the net. Any inquiry to find the origin of an online attack will stop at the compromised PC of a victim, who apparently has no idea what is going on!"

If Win32.Agent.y is only used for masking IP addresses of attackers, some other Backdoors and Trojans can be employed to take over the computers completely.

According to a report published by FBI, over 1 million computer IP addresses are taken over across United States by remote attackers. Because of their widely distributed capabilities, such botnets are a growing threat to national security, national information infrastructure, and economy.

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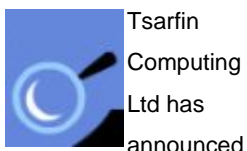
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