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## Cheburgen.a on An Infecting Spree

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The next time you check your inbox, be very careful while opening your mails. A new worm Cheburgen.a is doing the rounds. According to experts at MicroWorld Technologies, email propagation is one of the numerous ways it can creep into computers.

The Worm propagates using subject lines like Here is your documents , Mail Delivery System , Mail Transaction Failed or Re: Thank you for delivery .

Written in VC++ language, the name of the attachment is casually picked from a list of words like Data, Body, Doc, and Text. The file extension is also a random choice from bat, cmd, exe, scr, pif, and zip.

With its own Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) engine, the malware sends copies to email addresses harvested from the windows address book of the compromised computer. It then alters the windows HOSTS files to stop computers from accessing websites of some security companies.

"Cheburgen is also distributed by other Trojans, as well as using Drive-by-Download route when someone visits a malicious website," says Manoj Mansukhani, head (technology and marketing) of MicroWorld Technologies. "As if that's not trouble enough, it scans other PCs in the network and drops the malware in shared folders. And finally, the Worm is also found to be spreading by exploiting the 'LSASS vulnerability' in windows."

The Malware displays its Backdoor capabilities when it opens certain ports, connects to IRC channels, and takes orders from the remote attacker. The attacker can direct the malware to download and execute files from the internet by working through this backdoor component.

"People behind this malicious program simply believe that the more is merrier and try to fire on as many cylinders as possible in their attempt to proliferate it. If you want to protect your computers against a threat like this, it is imperative that you rely on security software that checks all the modes of its spreading routine," said Govind Rammurthy, CEO of MicroWorld Technologies.

If users suspect the presence of Cheburgen.a on their computer, they can download and run MicroWorld's free AntiVirus utility 'MWAV' to clean their computers.

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