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## Trojan's Pesky and Sleazy Move

By [CXOtoday Staff](#)  
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MicroWorld Technologies that deals in the Internet security has cautioned the Internet users against the alarming move of Trojan virus.

Trojan's new infectious virus is named "Win32.StartPage.jo" controls the browser of computer users and drives them to porno and

drug stores portals.

Internet users can come across this virus while they're surfing dubious websites or downloading freebies from unreliable net sources.

Win32.StartPage.jo alters the Internet settings and affects computers. This virus works by changing the default home page in the web browser to www.find-online.net, a list of porn sites and bogus drug sites gets added in the favorites folder. Also, the Windows registry gets changed in order to activate the Trojan at the system start-up.

"This Trojan can impede your Internet activity by popping up pornographic content every now and then," says Vikas Vishwasrao, assistant manager (research and development) of MicroWorld.

"Some of these sites offer to the user Codecs and other downloads, which potentially pave way for more malware to enter the computer. A couple of them are also seen exploiting browser vulnerabilities to slither into unprotected PCs," adds Vishwasrao.

According to Sunil Kripalani, vice president (global sales and marketing) of MicroWorld, browser hijackers can pose yet another threat when used in Pharming attacks. Pharming is an advanced form of phishing where users are redirected to phony look-alikes of bank and credit card websites even when you key in the actual URL of the site directly into the address bar of the browser. Next, all confidential information you've entered into the website in good faith can reach straight to malware authors, who would use that information in whichever way they wants.

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