

Happytime Virus to Hit China This Week

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Description:

It's come-back time for some of the old world viruses. The National Computer Virus Emergency Response Center of China, a governmental agency, has raised the alert about two virus variants, which are expected to hit the country from February 6 to 12. The original variant of this worm was first detected in August 2001.

The computer viruses known as "Kompu" and "Happytime" are expected to attack China next week, but the damage will be limited, predicted the agency on Sunday. The worm has its origins in Estonia and appears with the messages "Mul on paha tuju!" and "Tahan kommi", which mean "I am in bad mood" and "Give me some candy". Happytime can spell sad times for users by eliminating .exe and .dll files in the computer.

The worm, written in Visual Basic, circulates via emails in HTML format or plain text message with an HTML file attached. The former will execute automatically upon opening the message where the latter waits for the user to open the attachment. Upon each run, the worm adds up a counter in the system registry, and when it reaches value 366, it starts spreading via mass mailing.

China is just back from a week-long spring festival and from Monday computer users are likely to get hit by the worm via emails. It is also found that, if the sum of the day and month is 13, the worm picks up .EXE and .DLL files destroys them in a series.

Resolution

Timely updates of MicroWorld products will enable you to keep off threats of this nature. In case of infections, you can download our free virus and spyware scanning toolkit 'MWAV' from our website.

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