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India-based security firm MicroWorld has released a Vista-compatible version of its free network monitoring tool ViewTCP.

Manoj Mansukhani, head of MicroWorld's technology division stated, "ViewTCP is a network monitoring tool that examines TCP/IP activity on your Windows-based systems. It lists all TCP and UDP end points on your PC and the remote addresses that they connect to. With this user friendly app, you can also determine the processes that are bound on various ports on your PC and the remote network addresses accessed by suspicious applications."

According to the MicroWorld, network monitoring is critical for computers

connected to internet, as most worms, bots, trojans and backdoors are controlled remotely by attackers. The firm cited the example of the Sobig worm, which spread a proxy server trojan across thousands of PCs worldwide. The aim of this proxy network, according to the MicroWorld, was to serve spammers by giving them a way to hide their real IP addresses when they sent out spam.

“It’s quite scary to think about a scenario where your personal computer is sending out bulk commercial mails on behalf of a spammer sitting in China, or for worse, being remotely controlled by a Blackhat from a small town in Ukraine,” states Mansukhani. “In line with our motto of ‘adding confidence to computing’, this smart utility helps users gain control over the activities taking place in their computers,” he concluded.

Those who wish to try the new Vista version of ViewTCIP can be downloaded from [here](#).

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