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[Johannesburg, 31 January 2006] - Beware the Friday ghosts. Two e-mail worms loaded with a timer to strike every month on a precise day and programmed to overwrite all infected files this Friday, 3 February, are spreading rapidly via pornographic messages such as 'Kama Sutra pics'.

The 'Nyxem-D' and 'Nyxem-E' worms are variants of the Worm.Win32.VB.bi virus and shrink infected files to 20 bytes, thereafter displaying an error message when you try to open them. Although this worm is not sophisticated in nature, it is spreading really fast and on a network it can start spreading from an unprotected PC and very quickly start destroying important files, according to MicroWorld, which was the first to identify it recently.

The Nyxem worm proliferates by exploiting the human psychology of getting lured by sexual content. Some of the title lines of the mails in addition to a reference to the Kama Sutra include 'The Best Video clip Ever', 'A Great Video', 'Kama Sutra pics', and likewise. One of the oldest forms of

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virus proliferation, this method is nothing new, however, it's still deadly effective as the virus has already infected more than half a million PCs around the world by Monday morning of this week.

In the wild, Nyxem is a mass mailing worm that disables security software on the computer and harvests e-mail addresses from infected PCs. It comes with an e-mailing engine and installs itself in the registry of an infected PC.

Detecting and removing the Nyxem worm:

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