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This Trojan talks about missiles!

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A killer at 11, he is free at 21 and has killed again!; Chinese missile shot down USA aircraft; US Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, has kicked German Chancellor Angela Merkel; British Muslims Genocide; 230 dead as storm batters Europe, and, finally, 'Saddam Hussein alive'!

These are some of the subject lines of an ongoing Trojan spam campaign that was shot off like a missile and is spreading like a storm across the world at present.

Most of the e-mail subject lines are inspired by the current international socio-political events, though the figment of the author's(s) imagination is stretched too far in most cases! MicroWorld Technologies says the Trojan Downloader named Win32.Agent.bet rides on a mass mailing campaign with smart titles, and carries attachments like FullClip.exe, Full Story.exe, Video.exe and Read More.exe.

"This is clever malware proliferation, as the people behind this campaign know well that shock is perhaps the best way to momentarily freeze one's rational thinking and get him or her to do what they want," points out Sunil Kripalani, vice-president, global sales and marketing, MicroWorld Technologies. "You can see that the subject lines of most of these mails are written well and it simply adds to their conviction powers!"

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Win32.Agent.bet is said to be a Trojan Downloader with backdoor capabilities and peer-to-peer communication possibilities. The Trojan can log on to predefined Web sites in order to download possible malicious code into the victim's computer while it also opens some UDP ports to communicate with the peers, Kripalani.

A component named WINCOM32.SYS of Win32.Agent.bet has rootkit capabilities and helps it avoid detection by security software in some cases, he adds.

“Malware attacks like these are best protected at the e-mail Gateway level, by not letting the malicious code enter into the mail servers. With MWL technology, we make sure that the mailing systems are given the most external, enclosing and proactive protection from all angles.

Club that with our multilayered Spam Filtering and you have the safest Security System, guarding your organisation's e-mail infrastructure round the clock,” says Govind Rammurthy, CEO of MicroWorld Technologies.

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