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## Trojan directs computers to porn sites and drugs stores

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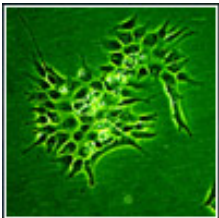
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Half part pesky and half part sleazy. That's how you can describe this malware that takes over your browser and redirects it to pornography and diverts online searches to salacious websites or drug stores. Security experts at MicroWorld Technologies caution computer users against probable infection of a Trojan named 'Win32.StartPage.jo' while visiting dubious websites or downloading freebies from untrustworthy sources on the net.

Win32.StartPage.jo changes Internet settings on the affected computer. The default home page in Internet Explorer is changed to [www.find-online.net](http://www.find-online.net). It also adds a range of porn sites and bogus drug sites in the favorites folder and makes changes in the Windows registry to activate the Trojan at the system start-up.

Porno-Trojans can lead an infected computer to child pornographic sites, accessing which is a criminal offense in many countries. Court may indict an under-trial for no fault of his, based on the evidence of websites prompted by the malware, found in the browsing history.

A case in point is the incident in which substitute teacher Julie Amero from a Connecticut school faced several years of imprisonment as her computer displayed X rated content to impressionable kids. A fresh trial has been granted to her after security experts pointed towards the probable presence of a Trojan in the computer.