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The worm works with a pre-decided timer where the infected computer will download a new payload, which will be spammed in very large numbers. The "SoBig" worm in the year 2003 is an example from the past, where embedded dates were used. It regularly created new versions and deactivated the earlier ones.

Hactivism, where the virus takes a political shade, finds a big follower with this worm. Millions of netizens have already received the damaging e-mail and one would need to wait and watch the extent of damage to be caused by the newly downloaded code.

The Sober worm class, originated two years ago, steals addresses from the targeted computer and performs mass-mailing with attached copies of itself. It has more than 30 variants and is sent with bilingual messages, German and English. The Sober worm has employed a range of

methods to reach the targets in the last few months. There was even a mail that claims to be from the FBI, which was used successfully to spread the infection.

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