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	<p>New Virus Hijacks Your Internet Traffic</p> <p>Released on = April 11, 2006, 2:46 pm</p> <p>Press Release Author = Manish / MicroWorld Technologies, Inc.</p> <p>Industry = Software</p> <p>Press Release Summary = Security experts from MicroWorld Technologies inform that 'Trojan-Clicker.Win32.Qhost.v' is a new variant of the Trojan-Clicker series. This malware spreads via email attachments targeting DNS servers to redirect web traffic towards specific websites.</p> <p>Press Release Body = By exploiting vulnerabilities in the Internet Explorer and Internet Connectivity components of Windows, 'Qhost.v' reroutes victim's machines to pre-decided websites and other online resources. It provides necessary commands</p>

to
the browser or overwrites system files
where standard web addresses are stored.

Trojan clickers are used for many nefarious
purposes causing varying degrees of
malice and destruction to the victim.

By infecting a large number of PCs they can
raise the hit count of specific URLs
while stripping of user's basic right to access
websites of one's choice and
purpose. In an organization this can obtrude
business continuity and create chaos by
affecting web traffic.

'Qhost.v' can also launch 'Denial of Service'
attacks on specific servers. 'DoS' is
a form of online blackmailing and extortion
where they inundate Web Servers or Mail
Servers with a flood of requests to bring an
organization to its knees.

But the most dangerous use of Trojan
Clickers come to play in redirecting users to
dangerous websites that can infect
computers with Trojans, Worms and Script
Viruses
via browser vulnerabilities.

"A Trojan Clicker is a conduit for Trojans
and Worms other than being a malice in
itself. Like the Trojan Dropper variety that
we detected earlier, this breed too
paves way for more attacks of many
different kinds. The worst part of this
variety
is that it hijacks your browser and does not
require voluntary participation from
users to further infect computers with more
malice," observes Govind Rammurthy, CEO,
MicroWorld Technologies.

Of all online threats, Trojans are identified
to be one of the fastest evolving

breed, apparently conspicuous in 'Qhost.v's capacity to hijack total Internet activity against the will of users. PSW Trojans, Trojan Droppers, Trojan Proxies, Trojan Spies and Trojan Notifiers are some of the emerging types with specific targets and modes of operation. MicroWorld Technologies has constituted a special team of experts researching upon new and emerging Trojans and their methods of proliferation.

"Imagine a situation where phishing gangs employ Trojan Clickers to redirect users towards fake, look-alike websites, even while users key in authentic URLs. In such a scenario, users will be caught completely unawares of the fact they are giving away their personal information to online criminals," points out Govind Rammurthy. "Online transactions can only be safe when you are absolutely sure that even the last strain of malware is flushed out of your system. That's why our products 'eScan' and 'MailScan' pull no stops at ensuring a totally virus free environment."

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