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Beware Of Kamasutra Pics!

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Heard of Friday ghosts? The 'Nyxem-D' and 'Nyxem-E' email worms that come with a timer to strike every month on a precise day, work the same way. These worms spread via pornographic messages like 'Kama Sutra pics', and they are variants of the 'Worm.Win32.VB.bi', first reported by MicroWorld. Examining the code, our experts have found that Nyxem works with a timer and is expected strike on the 3rd of every month.

On the 3rd of February, Nyxem is programmed to overwrite all infected files. It shrinks files to 20 bytes and displays an error message when you try to open them. Though this worm is not sophisticated in nature, it's spreading really fast. On a network, this worm can start spreading from an unprotected PC and can destroy important files.

Nyxem proliferates by exploiting the human psychology to get lured by sexual content. Some of the title lines of the mails are The Best Video clip Ever, School girl fantasies gone bad, A Great Video etc, Kama Sutra pics, Arab sex DSC-00465.jpg and likewise. One of the oldest forms of virus proliferation, this method is nothing new. However, it's still effective as the virus has already infected more than half a million PCs around the world till Monday morning.

In nature, Nyxem is a mass mailing worm that disables security software on the computer and harvests email addresses from infected PCs. It comes with an emailing engine and installs itself in the registry.

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