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Pornography has traditionally been used as a weapon by mass mailers to spread deadly infections over the internet. Exploiting the human vulnerability for sex related content, this method has proved to be highly effective in malice proliferation. The unsuspecting user is lured to open an attachment which promises to be some thing sleazy and x-rated. After it's downloaded, it pops up its ugly head in no time and keeps transmitting in networks.

The newly found "Win32.vb.bi" is a mass-mailing worm that spreads through file sharing networks and manipulates security settings on the attacked computer. The email that spreads the virus comes with some pornographic titles and carries attachments given below, in '.zip' formats like sex.mim, Attachmnets00.hqx, Winzip.BHX, Video-part.mim, Ebook.uu, Attchments001.bhx, 3.92315089702606E02.UUE, original message.B64, word-document.uu,

WinzipQuikPick.exe, HRM-AF.exe etc. The subject lines found normally, are Fw: Sexy, Fwd: Crazy illegal Sex, Fw:Sex.mpg, The file, Hello, Ebook.pdf, Re:wordfuile

Once the file is executed, this worm steals email addresses from the attacked computer and performs mass-mailing. Enterprises with shared networks and intranet systems are highly vulnerable to this worm as this one spreads in a fast-paced manner. MicroWorld's security experts have detected this threat yesterday and their Antivirus and content security software have successfully destroyed and cleaned the same. The threat level of this worm and the extent of danger it poses are under the scanner currently.

Win32 worms spread via Windows Networking APIs, MAPI functions or email clients like Microsoft Outlook. They send email messages with the worm program attached along with. Typically, these mails suggest that the recipient should launch the attachment to see something interesting or important.

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