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Internet Security

Internet control, email and network protection

Weekly report on viruses and intruders

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'Ilkeston Today', UK, reports Internet pedophile Adrian Ringland forced a Canadian schoolgirl to send him explicit photographs of herself, after infecting her computer with a Trojan Backdoor.

The accused contacted the victim over a chatroom posing as a teenager. Few days later he sent her a file claiming to be his photograph, which in fact contained a Trojan Backdoor and no sooner the girl downloaded and opened the file than the attacker gained control of the victim's computer via IRC channels. Thereafter the man allegedly threatened and blackmailed the victim, forcing her into submission and abuse.

Arti Taru, Security Expert at MicroWorld Technologies says "Trojan backdoors can be employed by remote attackers to takeover a victim's computer and to execute programs, reboot the system, open files, open webpages, download files, launch and manage a Proxy Server on the victim's machine and so much more. It's as if the intruder is operating his own desktop at free will."

At Inner London Crown Court last week, Ringland reportedly admitted 20 charges of Internet abuse while fourteen similar charges were ordered to lie on file. Judge Nicholas Philpot deferred sentence until October and Ringland was remanded in custody.

While the explicit details of the criminal operation is yet to be revealed, Ms Taru says webcams can be used to pry and prey on every moment in the life of a targeted user. Candid shots taken that way can be used as a blackmailing tool by Internet predators to exploit underage victims and worse, lead them to child pornography rackets.

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Increasing incidents like these call for advanced Virus Protection and futuristic Parental Control in every home, where kids and teenagers access the Internet. To help parents secure the Internet, MicroWorld offers the world's best Content Security and Virus Guard in its security product 'eScan', using a combination of path breaking technologies. It gives parents the power to decide the website their children visit, the games they play and Chat Rooms they enter.

"All kinds of Trojan bots and Backdoors are prevented by our fastest updating Virus Scanner, in order to keep user computers free of any external manipulation," explains Sunil Kripalani, Vice President, Global Sales and Marketing, MicroWorld Technologies.

"Apart from continuously updating the list of offensive websites, eScan also offers the feature of 'Threshold Level Setting Bar' for Content Security. It works on the basis of total count of appearances of certain unique words or combination of such words in webpages and the system automatically blocks the website once the threshold is crossed. Also, eScan gives you comprehensive control in restricting and blocking Chat rooms and Chat programs like Yahoo and MSN as well."

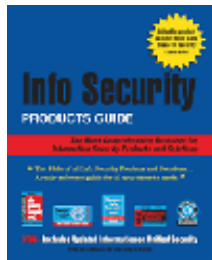
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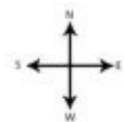
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The Trend of Threats Today: 2005 Annual Roundup and 2006 Forecast

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