

MyDoom - the Worst is yet to come

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A Viewpoint from Arbor Networks

It is not just the clogging up of email in-boxes, a halt in productivity and the infection of corporate and domestic networks that the virus MyDoom brings in its wake. Nor is the problem the expected 11 day attack on the SCO website, or the one on Microsoft that is also expected. The biggest fall out from the MyDoom incident is that many users won't even realise that malicious hackers and spammers may now have access to use their computer in online crime.

MyDoom could see a stepping up of global internet crime levels.

Jose Nazario, worm researcher at Arbor Networks and author of Defense and Detection Strategies against Internet Worms explains, "this kind of indiscriminate damage means that everyone is a victim of MyDoom.

The practice by hackers of selling the use of compromised computers to spammers is not a new one, but with MyDoom it brings them a new batch of victims and creates even more opportunities for criminal activities".

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