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## Soccer Hero David Becomes Latest Fad of Hackers

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Being the skipper of the football team of England has its own share of pitfalls as football cult hero David Beckham will gladly agree. Apparently, hackers have released thousands of messages on chat rooms and news groups, claiming that users can see pictures of the England football captain in a 'compromising' position with a Spanish hooker by clicking a link.

When unsuspecting users click on the link that they presume will show them the sleazy pictures, they end up downloading a Trojan, which then infects the computer providing hackers access to the PC.

Commenting on this Govind Rammurthy, managing director - MicroWorld Software Services Pvt. Ltd., said, "Of late, virus authors and hackers are using all means to stay ahead. With the advances in anti-virus software and increased awareness of viruses, the hacking community is constantly evolving new means to spread viruses."

The Trojan, which is downloaded is called the 'Hackarmy' Trojan- a backdoor IRC type and first surfaced in January 2004. After infecting a computer, it then logs on to a predefined IRC server and waits for the backdoor commands from the hacker.

According to Rammurthy, Hackarmy authors have in the past used similar tricks to lure curious users into downloading the Trojan.

They tried the same trick by claiming that Arnold Schwarzenegger and Osama Bin Laden have been found dead.

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