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Haxdoor Virus Sells Your PC*Monday, 17 April 2006 03:26 EST*

Ever watched the movie 'WarGames'? Well, it's about a teenage prodigy who found out a backdoor being installed in the computer system of the Department of Defense, by none other than the person who developed it. With the newly detected Backdoor Trojan too, a hacker can take charge of your PC in true Hollywood style.

Security Analysts from the leading AntiVirus and Content Security firm MicroWorld Technologies, inform that a Backdoor Trojan named 'Backdoor.Win32.Haxdoor.ie' comes with a series of hacking and information stealing powers to transform computers into remotely controlled Bots.

'Haxdoor.ie' can capture keystrokes, steal passwords, turn off Security Software, install itself in the registry and to top it all, drop Rootkits to hide its presence. Via this malware, the attackers can control the victim's computer using IRC channels.

"After collecting a number of such compromised PCs, hackers can create 'Botnets' that can launch Denial-of-Service attacks, hijack SMTP Mail Servers to spread Spam, steal usernames and passwords and capture banking information. It may sound bizarre, but there are countless Botnets available on hire on the web, where in one of the computers for rental could be your PC!" says Govind Rammurthy, CEO, MicroWorld Technologies.

Botnets are created by a network of computers taken over by hackers using Trojans and Backdoors, to launch, direct and manage fraudulent activities, online crimes and malicious attacks. The year 2005 saw a staggering three fold increase in the number of bots across the globe, compared to the year before.

Over the last few years, the very nature of online threats too has changed colors drastically. With focused financial and informational motives, hacking groups work well connected and mutually supportive. Many links have been established between online criminal gangs of Russia, Brazil and Far East, in coordinating global scams.

"These groups are creating sophisticated breeds of malware to wreck havoc in the lives of innocent people around the world," points out Govind Rammurthy. "An unsuspecting user may get the shock of his life when police tracks down his IP address to be the source of a major online crime or a notorious scam. It's now more about safeguarding your life and less about securing your information!"

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