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This New Virus Is A Trojan, Keylogger And Rootkit Rolled Into One!

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Security Analysts at MicroWorld Technologies inform that a new variant of the Trojan named 'Trojan-Spy.Win32.Goldun' or 'Trojan.Goldun.K' is a dangerous species with Keylogging and Rootkit capacities. It can steal passwords and other confidential information, yet remain invisible. With its ability to hide files and registry entries using the Rootkit component, this Trojan can escape even some of the AntiVirus software.

By definition, Trojan is a program with abilities of intrusion, spying and destruction of information systems. This description does not really talk about any specific features of the malware than the motives of the attacker. With thick demarcations between different types of malware diminishing really fast, Trojan writers are roping in Keyloggers, Rootkits and Stealth to enhance their malice to more dangerous levels.

Originally, the term Rootkit was used to describe altered and recompiled set of Unix tools designed to conceal any trace of intruders. Today, highly evolved Rootkits are available for Windows Operating System providing a safe hiding place for malware. In a recent controversy, a leading music company was forced to withdraw their CDs in very large numbers as they were accused of using Rootkits for copyright protection. "Today, malware creators are swearing by the maxim 'too much in too less space and time'. Even genuine software creators are wondering at these people's ability to pack many a vice into a miniscule size. Their capacity to remote alter the malware code in an infected PC, helps them add new features per changing needs," views Arti Taru, Assistant Manager, R&D, MicroWorld Technologies.

MicroWorld, the software firm which developed the world's most advanced AntiVirus and Content Security Solutions eScan and MailScan, has a special team of experts researching on newer and emerging Trojans, their evolution pattern and different modes of proliferation. "Very recently we have seen some Keylogging Trojans that even capture mouse clicks and screen shots. By hiding this malice using a Rootkit, they are creating an even bigger danger. But I'm sure, if you use a futuristic AntiVirus software, these threats will never gain a foothold in your computer in the first place. MicroWorld believes in the motto 'Prevention is better than Cure'. With the emergence Rootkit driven Trojans which are hard to remove once infected, the importance of this saying has never been bigger!" points out Govind Rammurthy, CEO, MicroWorld Technologies.

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