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The new variant of the in famous Bagle worm has been found in the wild on the Internet. The worm is spreading across the Internet via emails. It arrives with the infected message as a zip file approx. 17 KB in size. The name of the attached file is newprice.zip, price.zip or price2.zip.

The zip file actually contains an executable file which is the actual worm. The infected message generally has a blank subject line.

The new variant of the Bagle worm is unable to propagate on its own and the infected messages have been mass mailed using some spamming technologies.

The worm has a list of URLs that it checks regularly to see if certain files have been placed on these websites. If the file has been uploaded to any one of these websites it will upload itself to the users machine. What it can do is then either update itself or install and run other malicious programs on the users machine. The will also delete the registry entries of antivirus programs and firewalls installed on the users machine to prevent the user from running these programs to stop or remove the worm.

MicroWorld recommends to all its customers to ensure they have the latest updates for their eScan and MailScan range of products that they provide on an hourly basis to secure them from any attack from this worm. Others can download the free scanning tool MWAV (MicroWorld Antivirus Toolkit Utility) to see if they are infected with this worm.

Regards,

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