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"New Love" is a new Visual Basic Script worm with a very damaging payload. Once executed, it tries to spam itself to all users in the Microsoft Outlook address book. When the worm is first run it drops a copy of itself in the Windows folder as either a name from the Recent Documents folder or a random Name and has a random extension chosen from Doc, Xls, Mdb, Bmp, Mp3, Txt, Jpg, Gif, Mov, Url, Htm, Txt and the real extension, ".vbs" The worm will modify that copy by adding random comments to its body. AV companies say that it is not spread around on the Internet (at least not yet).

Information from Anti-Virus companies.

Trend Micro (www.antivirus.com)

Name: VBS_NEWLOVE.A

More information: http://www.antivirus.com/pc-cillin/vinfo/virusencyclo/default5.asp?VName=VBS_NEWLOVE.A

Latest virus pattern: <http://pattern.download.antivirus.com/ftp/products/pattern/lpt708.zip>

AVP (www.avp.ch)

Name: I-Worm.NewLove

More information: <http://www.avp.ch/avpve/worms/newlove.stm>

Latest virus pattern: <http://www.avp.ch/E/updates.htm>

Sophos (www.sophos.com)

Name: VBS/NewLove-A

More information: <http://www.sophos.com/virusinfo/analyses/vbsnewlovea.html>

Latest virus pattern: <http://www.sophos.com/downloads/ide/newlovea.ide>

NAI (www.avertlabs.com)

Name: VBS/Newlove.a

More information: http://vil.nai.com/villib/dispvirus.asp?virus_k=98655

Latest virus pattern: <http://download.nai.com/products/Mcafee-Avert/newlv4.zip>

F-Secure (www.f-secure.com)

Name: VBS/Newlove.a

More information: <http://www.f-secure.com/v-descs/newlove.htm>

Latest virus pattern: <http://www.f-secure.com/download-purchase/updates.html>

Finjan Software (www.finjan.com)

Advisory: http://www.finjan.com/attack_release_detail.cfm?attack_release_id=37

Media outlets produced literally tons of articles about "New Love" worm:

NewLove proves less costly

<http://www.cnnfn.com/2000/05/19/technology/virus/>

New Love Virus Slow To Spread

<http://www.crn.com/dailies/digest/breakingnews.asp?ArticleID=16786>

New virus hits computers

<http://news.ft.com/ft/gx.cgi/ftc?pagename=View&c=Article&cid=FT3ACD94G8C&live=true&tagid=ZZZC00L1BOC&subheading=information%20technology>

Deadlier virus does limited damage in aftermath of 'Love bug'

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-200-1902621.html?tag=st.ne.1430735..ni>

A New Virus Appears, Some Question the Fear

http://dailynews.yahoo.com/h/nm/20000519/tc/tech_virus_2.html

'New Love' Virus Spawns Net Security Questions

<http://www.thestandard.com/article/display/0,1151,15306,00.html>

The Virus 'Ambulance Chasers'

<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,36464,00.html>

"New Love" Threat

<http://www.nandotimes.com/technology/story/0,1643,500206111-500287071-501549577-0,00.html>

Network Associates downgrades "NewLove" threat

<http://news.cnet.com/news/0-1005-200-1903744.html?tag=st.ne.1430735..ni>

New Virus Shows Little Impact

<http://www.pcworld.com/pcwtoday/article/0,1510,16819,00.html>

Hacker Rails Against New Worm

<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,36477,00.html>

New virus won't infect Macs

http://www.idg.net/ic_179263_1794_9-10000.html

Computer Associates Warns of New 'Love Bug' Virus (Update2)

http://quote.bloomberg.com/fgcgi.cgi?ptitle=Technology%20News&s1=blk&tp=ad_topright_tech&T=markets_fgcgi_content99.ht&s2=blk&bt=ad_bottom_tech&s=AOSTy7hSiQ29tcHV0

Virus 'worse than Love Bug' on the loose

<http://www.vnunet.com/News/1101596>

First British companies report NewLove virus

<http://www.zdnet.co.uk/news/2000/19/ns-15473.html>

Chameleon-like Virus Hits Internet

http://www.apbnews.com/newscenter/internetcrime/2000/05/19/lovebug0519a_01.html

New virus more vicious than Love Bug

http://www.out-law.com/php/page.php3?page_id=newvirusmorevicio958745671

New Love: A Whole Lot of Nothing?

<http://www.wired.com/news/technology/0,1282,36455,00.html>

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