Net News

Microsoft's Macro Virus Protection Tool

The Microsoft Corporation has developed a tool which installs a set of protective macros that detect suspicious Word files and alert customers to the potential risk of opening files with macros. Upon being alerted, users are given the choice of opening the file without executing the macros, opening the file as is, or canceling the file open operation. Opening the file without macros ensures that macro viruses are not transmitted and does not affect the content of the document. Unless users can verify that the macros contained in the document will not cause damage, Microsoft recommends opening the file without macros.

Although the primary purpose of the Macro Virus Protection tool is to alert users to the existence of macros in their documents and allow then to open their documents without macros, the tool also contains an updated version of the scanning code for the Concept virus (also known as the Word Prank Macro virus) and can be used to scan your hard disk for Word files that contain the

Customers can download a

http://www.microsoft.com/ms office or through MSNo, The Microsoft Network using go word: macrovirustool. It is also posted in the Word forums on other on-line services such as CompuServeÆ and America OnlineÆ. In addition, customers using English versions of the Word can get the tool by calling Microsoft's Product Support Services at 206-462-9673 for Word for Windows, and 206-635-7200 for Word for the Macintosh or by sending e-mail to wordinfo@microsoft.com.

Tips

Hello Kid's here are some free games that you can download from the Internet free. The name of the site is: "Microsoft Plus! for Kids" and the URL is: www.microsoft.com/kids/frees

Now, what are there? You

Download Free Underwater Desktop Theme (kidplusd.exe 1.7 MB for Windows 95 - 14 minutes @ 28.8 bps, 28 minutes @ 14.4 bps)

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the comment is commented in Downloading Skeleton Puzzle Game! (msbskltn.exe 4.9 MB for Windows 95 ñ 82 minutes @ 14.4; 41 minutes @ 28.8)

Downloading Meteor Meltdown Game! (msbmltdn.exe 3.7 MB for Windows 95 ñ 62 minutes @ 14.4; 31 minutes @ 28.8)

Explore Inside the Earth by Downloading Panning for Gold Game! (msbgold.exe 1.9 MB for Windows 95 ñ 32 minutes @

14.4; 16 minutes @ 28.8) Downloading Volcano Builder Game! (msbvolc.exe 2.7 MB for Windows 95 ñ 45 minutes @ Concept virus.

North American (English) or International version of the scanning tool from several online sites. The scanning tool can be downloaded from the Microsoft World Wide Web site

for the Kids

Explore the Ocean by Downloading Crab Chase Game (msbcrab.exe 1.8 MB for Windows 95 ñ 30 minutes @ 14.4; 15 minutes @ 28.8) Downloading Sand Castle Builder Game! (msbscast.exe 1.8 tuff.htm MB for Windows 95 ñ 30 min-

> Explore the Solar System by Downloading Venus Game! (msbvenus.exe 1.8 MB for Windows 95 ñ 30 minutes @ 14.4; 15 minutes @ 28.8)

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Explore the Human Body by **Downloading Chatterbox Game!** (msbchttr.exe .2.8 .MB ... for Windows 95 n 47 minutes @ 14.4. 23 minutes @ 28.8 410 Downloading Heart Pinball Gamel (msbheart.exe 2.3 MB for Windows 95 ñ 38 minutes @ 14.4; 19 minutes @ 28.8)

Microsoft 3D Movie Maker (trial version!) (3dmm.exe 3.0 MB for Windows 95 n 50 min utes @ 14.4; 25 minutes @ 28.8) Creative Writer 2 (trial version) (CW2install.exe 3.957 MB for Windows 95 and Windows 3.1 ñ 60 minutes @ 14.4; 30 minutes @

Nickelodeon 3D Movie Maker (trial version!) (nick3d1.exe 4.1 MB for Windows 95 and Windows 3.1 ñ 69 minutes @ 14.4; 34 minutes @ 28.8)

The Daily Star invites its readers to participate in the following Internet discussion groups by sending or faxing Internet posts to: M. Shamimuzzaman, Page-in-Charge, "Live from the Internet", The Daily Star, House # 11, Road # 3, Dhanmondi R/A, Dhaka-1205. We will mail your letters to the Internet and responses will be published the following week. Letters should be titled and be no more than 100 words.

World-wide Wait as the Net Slows Down

One of the chief assets of computer-based telecommunications links is that they can transmit information around the world faster than the blink of an eye. But now, reports Gemini News Service's Internet columnist, the system is getting jammed by the sheer weight of electronic traffic.







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TRAFFIC jams and breakdowns are beginning to cause delays on the infor-mation superhighway, hampe-ring its ability to transmit vast amounts of data at lightning

Regular Internet users are now experiencing frequent hold-ups on the global computer network as the system falls victim to its burgeoning popularity. Sometimes their screens freeze; on other occasions they are unable to gain access to a particular electronic site. And in recent months, two major United States Internet service providers (ISPs) have had to shut down completely.

"We don't call it the World Wide Web any more," Internet analyst Bob Metcalfe says of the WWW electronic information system. "We call it the World Wide Wait."

Metcalfe is one of many industry observers who believe the problem will get worse before it gets better.

"I would like to be able to tell you that this sort of thing will never happen again," Steve Case, chairman of one ISP. America Online, wrote to his six million subscribers after the company's system crashed for 19 hours last August. "But frankly, I can't make that commitment."

Almost a whole day off-line came as a big blow to US businesses and academics who have become dependent on their touch-of-a-button international access. The breakdown also highlighted the technolog-

ical limitations of the hightech computer network. Bottlenecks can occur at sev-

eral points on the Internet. The first potential obstacle is the local telephone company, whose lines are linked to individual computers. Most phone companies originally established their infrastructure on the assumption that the average call would last four to five minutes. Internet users, however, do not restrict themselves

to such brief communication. Many users stay on-line for hours, surfing through electronic sites of interest, listening to music or foreign radio broadcasts or communicating with other users via electronic "bulletin boards" or "chat rooms". With some ISPs now offering

clients unlimited Internet access for as little as \$9.95 a month - and limited-time access for \$ 4.95 — there is little incentive for these enthusiasts to log off. The result is increasing delays for all phone users as the system struggles to cope.

The second station for an on-line call is the server - the computer link that routes information along the superhighway - provided by an ISP.

The demand for ISPs is growing so rapidly that some are generating a rise in subscriber numbers of more than eight per cent a month. And, like the number of Internet users, the number of providers is also expanding at an astonishing rate. Almost two-thirds of the approximately 4,100 ISPs in the US began operating in

Many are small operations,

attracting only a few thousand subscribers. Competing in the same field as the multi-million-dollar giants, they are often unable to keep pace with technical advances or provide sufficient server access. Scores are expected to go out of business within the next few years. The America Online crash, however, shows that the major

companies are also not immune

to technical snags. If a call makes it through these points, it is then channelled on the Internet's backbone of powerful computers connected to each other by high-capacity fibre-optic cables. Theoretically, these are less vulnerable to delays. Yet when Americans flocked online last November to monitor the results of their presidential election, one of these backbones experienced problems that jammed up the system.

None of these problems is insurmountable. Industry experts believe that the technology which created these blackouts will be able to solve the problem.

They say the solution lies in upgrading telephone systems and possibly rewriting software currently in use. Some phone company executives believe Internet calls should be taken of ordinary lines and transferred to a separate network.

Such measures, they esti mate, could correct the Internet slowdown within the next two

Less easy to solve is the question of who should pay for these changes. ISPs and phone companies tend to argue that the other should pick up the bill,

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raising the possibility that bot services will ultimately become more expensive.

Meanwhile, Internet propo-

nents maintain that the delays have not undermined the overall integrity of the system. Vincent Cerf, vice-president of US telecommunications firm MC - which reports increases in its traffic of about 300 per cent a year - points out that the Internet links up 200.000 computer networks around the world. If one of these crashes, the others should carry on operating regardless.

The Masked Men by Samia Islam

Dhaka Day by Day



The air pollution in Dhaka would scare most people except perhaps those living in Cali-fornia who have a pollution index to consult every morning and therefore are ahead of us in that department. The month of Ramadan brought about a notable rise in a number of things, which include undue obsession with food and face masks. Plastic masks were gaining popularity especially among motor cyclists when the cloth masks hit the scene. And thus they became a salient feature of regular Dhaka streets.

As people who are fasting cannot risk smoke inhalation leading to coughing and consequently a drink of water, they have devised a way to handle it. If you walk ten feet on any Dhaka road, you'll come across at least two people with masks on their faces, resembling surgical masks. The thought that strikes immediately is: have they escaped from the OT. These flannel bits of cloth have strings attached to the sides or elastic, that one can pull down behind the ears for a firm grip on the mouth without hassles. They, mainly, come in three colours - off white, maroon and green, the latter being the most popular. Everybody,

from policemen to rickshawpullers, is seen wearing one these days. And the common assumption is that this strip of cloth will help keep up to 20 per cent of the smog out of the system. Excuse me, for that to hap pen, carrying an oxygen cylinder on your back is mandatory No flannel, however resplendent in colour, will quite manage to prevent pollution related health hazards.

However, the other view is also understandable. The more immediate concern is to prevent coughing fits that are bound to result from inhaling grit, dust and exhaust fume on our daily road runnings. But has anybody thought about one thing which has been bothering me lately? The human countenance as such has undergone a change in Dhaka. Therefore, what if we were subjected to an alien invasion? What would the little green men think of the masked humans? Would they be intelligent enough to conclude that the green thing on a human face is not a part of his physique? Will they consider the human race good looking? Never fear, chances are they wouldn't survive long enough to arrive at a definite conclusion.

ERRATUM: Yesterday's Day by Day wrongly carried a picture with no relation to the write-up.

Adobe's Photoshop 4.0

Adobe Systems has Introduced Adobe Photoshop 4.0 for Windows and Macintosh, New Version of Industry-Leading Image-Editing Tool that Dramatically Increases User Productivity and Control; Creative

Unprecedented Integration Among Adobe Graphics Applications: Enhances Image Production for the World Wide The new version of the

world-standard photo-design and production tool is available 18 languages, Adobe Photoshop is the product of choice for graphic designers, photographers. Webmasters and multimedia authors for the creation of high-quality print, multimedia and Web graphics. This new version provides features that dramatically increase user productivity and creative control, allow users to work more efficiently with all ics products, and streamline the process of preparing images for the World Wide Web.

"With more than two million

Adobe's market-leading graph-

users worldwide. Photoshop is graphic design, digital photography and prepress production," said Bryan Lamkin." director for Adobe graphics products. "In addition. Photoshop has emerged as the leading tool for Web page production. With Version 4.0, we focused on delivering a robust product that gives our users increased functionality in areas that matter to them the most: productivity, creative control, ease-of-use, and image preparation for the World Wide Web."

Adobe Photoshop continues to lead the imaging market with support for the latest hardware and operating system advances.

offering users increased functionality and performance.

Based in San Jose, Calif. Adobe Systems Incorporated develops and supports products to help people express and use the de facto standard for intornation in more imaginative and meaningful ways. 'across all print and electronic media. Founded in 1982, Andbe helped launch the desktop publishing revolution. Today, the company offers a market-leading line of application software and type products for creating and distributing visually rich communication materials: licenses its industry-standard technologies to major hardware manufacturers, software developers and service providers: and offers integrated software solutions to businesses of all sizes. For more information. see Adobe's home page at

http://www.adobe.com on the

World Wide Web.

The Daily Star Entertainment Guide

Wednesday 5th February (All programmes are in local time. There may be changes in the programmes)

14.4; 23 minutes @ 28.8)

BTV

3:00 Opening Announcement Al-Quran Programme Summary 3:10 News in Bangla 3:15 Patriotic songs 3:20 Recitation from the Geeta 3:25 Drama Serial: Samarpan 4:30 Cartoon film :Top Cat 5:00 News in Bangla 5:25 Mahe Ramadan 5:40 Geetabitan: Tagore Song 6:10 Maner Katha 6:50 Open University 7:00 The News 8:00 News in Bangla 8:45 Package Drama 10:00 News in English 10:25 Muktadhara 11:30 News in Bangla 11:20 Thursday's programme 11:40 Close down

BBC

6:00am BBC World News 6:10 Newsnight 7:00 BBC Newsroom inc. World Business Report/Asia Today/24 Hours 10:00 BBC World Headlines 10:05 World Focus: Naked City11:00 BBC Newsday 2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05 World Focus: Horizon 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out: Film '97 4:00 BBC Newsdesk 6:00pm BBC World News 6:15 World Focus: Panorama 7:00 BBC World News 7:15 World Business Report 7:30 BBC Newshour Asia & Pacific 8:30 Time Out: The Clothes Show 9:00 BBC World Headlines 9:05 World Focus: Naked City10:00 BBC World News 10:30 Time Out: Tomorrow's World 11:00 BBC World News 11:30 Time Out: Holiday 12:00 The World Today 2:00 BBC World Headlines 2:05 World Focus: The Giant Awakes 3:00 BBC World News 3:30 Time Out: Top Gear 4:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours 5:00 BBC World Report inc. World Business Report/24 Hours

CHANNEL V

6:30am Frame by Frame 7:00 Rewind VJ Sophiya 8:00 Frame by Frame 9:00 Jump Start VJ Alessandra 10:00 Frame by Frame 11:00 The Vibe VJ Luke

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STAR PLUS

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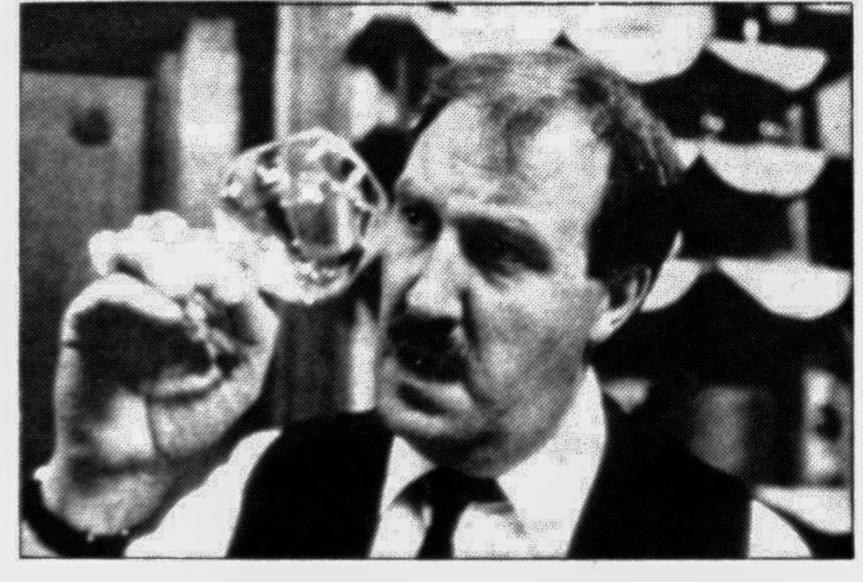
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STAR SPORTS

6:30am ITU TriathLon World Cup 7:30 India Tour Of South

Africa Triangular Series India v S Africa H/L 9:00 ATP Shanghai Open Semi Finals 11:30 Best Of SEA Touring Cars 12:30 International Motorsports News 1:30 India Tour Of South Africa Triangular Series India v S Africa H/L 2:30 Trans World Sport 3:30 World Aerobic Championship 1996 5:00 Royal Rumble 1997 7:30pm ATP Shanghai Open Finals 9:30 Triangu-lar Series India v S Africa H/L 10:30 Indian Football Philips



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League East Bengal v Salgoacar From Calcutta 1:30 Heineken Classic Final Day From Vines Resort, Perth, Australia 3:30 The Asian Football Show 4:30 Trans World Sport 5:30 Watersports World

STAR MOVIES

7:30am Family : A Thousand Heroes 12 (Arabic Subtitles) 9:30 Classic: A Farewell To Arms 12 (Hindi Subtitles) 11:30 Classic: Lady Of Burlesque PG (Hindi Subtitles) 1:30 Adventure Yellowbeard 15 3:30 Adventure: Vigilante Cop 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Family : Harry and Son 15 (Hindi Subtitles) 7:00 Deccan Dream 7:30 Classic: Oh Mr Porter! PG (Hindi Subtitles) 9:30 The Movie + Show 10:00 Double Bill : Antonio Banderas the Mambo Kings 18 12:00 Double Bill : Antonio Banderas The House of The Spirits 18 2:30 Thriller : Stamdeds 18 (Arabic Subtitles) 4:00 Comedy : House Party 18 (Hindi Subtitles) 5:30 Film Club Baghdad Cafe 15 (Arabic Sub-

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Ajeeb Dastan 10:30 Dance Mania 11:00 V3+ plus 11:30 Karm 12:00 People's Club 12:30 Upanyas 1:00 Bengali Serial 1:30 Bengali Serial 2:00 Special 3:00 Filmi Cha 'A't 3:30 Kal Bhi Aaj Bhi 4:30 Liberty Public Demand 5:30 Special 6:30

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ZEE TV

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Young And The Restless

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James Bond



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