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Antivirus companies are warning users of an Internet worm with a potentially dangerous payload that is infecting PCs around the world. Antivirus firm Messagelabs said it had caught nearly 6,000 instances of the worm, called Bugbear, up to the end of September.

Bugbear contains a Trojan horse that attempts to steal passwords and credit card information. Bugbear (w32.bugbear@mm), also known as Tanatos, is about 50KB long and is compressed with the UPX file compressor. Users of Internet Explorer 5.01 or 5.5 who have not patched the Incorrect Mime header flaw are vulnerable to the worm's e-mail attack.

All versions of Windows are vulnerable to this worm's ability to arrive via open file sharing. Users of Macintosh, Linux, and Unix are not at risk. Since Bugbear sends infected e-mail and contains a potentially dangerous Trojan horse, it ranks a "High Risk" score.

We strongly recommend that you install and maintain up to date virus protection and regularly perform data back up procedures. Follow this link for further advice and guidance on data security.  
(<http://www.lakeshost.com/security.htm>)