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Virus Writers: Evil monsters or maladjusted youths

by Claudiu Popa

In light of this year's impressive parade of intelligent, semi-intelligent and plain dumb computer viruses, I thought it timely to write about their creators who fall in almost exactly the same categories.

Earlier this year, Sarah Gordon, who profiles creators of cyber-epidemics for IBM's Thomas J. Watson Research Center dispelled the myth of the "evil, unethical, maladjusted teenagers with no social lives and absent parents". According to her research, these individuals come in all shapes and sizes but lead a normal existence, have decent social lives and generally mean no harm.

The 80 virus creators she profiled helped define the following categories: curious virus writers who sometimes accidentally lose control of their creations; hackers who are on a mission to show and exploit flaws to embarrass software companies; political activists

exercising their "right to free speech"; cyber graffiti: attention seekers trying to "mark their territory"; cyber unabombers: fanatics who spread viruses to demonstrate technology's downside.

Although few common traits exist between virus creators, according to Ms. Gordon's research they do tend to be intelligent, educated and male. Apparently, her definition of 'intelligent' seems to exclude the ability to comprehend the financial repercussions and severity of their actions, how easily this software can spread and the fact that there are laws in place to take their freedom away if and when they get caught.

Do you agree, disagree or have anything to add? If so, please write to *Stouffville This Month* or e-mail me at claudiu@info-corp.com.

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