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A real short one tonight as I'm in the Seattle Airport on my way back home from a really fun weekend...

Our biggest news this week was our lovely Trend BSOD issue. It appears that the issue was caused by the Agent update on April 1, 2004.

Based on the memory dump, we have identified the blue screen is caused by "TmXPFlt.sys". This file belongs to TrendMicro and it is dated Mar 30 04:35:10 2004.

We will report this issue back to Trend Micro for further analysis. If you run into the problem at this point, please contact TrendMicro for further assistance.

<http://kb.trendmicro.com/solutions/solutionDetail.asp?solutionId=19293>

Trend Micro plans to release Scan Engine 7.0 in ActiveUpdate according to this schedule:

Japan: Apr 1 10:00 am (GMT+8)

Global: Apr 2 10:00 am (GMT+8)

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Europe wide open to virus attacks  
European businesses are losing billions of pounds each year as a result of internet viruses, but many are still failing to take basic measures to ward off attacks, such as keeping anti-virus software up to date, according to a survey by McAfee security.

<http://www.computerweekly.com/articles/article.asp?liArticleID=129701>

Computer virus damage shatters records

<http://www.globetechnology.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20040402.gtjackvirusapr2/BNSStory/Technology/>

Netsky dominates March virus attacks

<http://www.vnunet.com/News/1154019>

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<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/56/36740.html>

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Bookies race to beat net attacks

The Grand National may be popular with the British public but, so far, it is not a favourite with online criminals. In recent months extortionists have threatened gambling websites with web-based attacks unless they pay up. But analysis of website responses at 20 British bookmakers shows that the Grand National has not prompted a new round of denial of service attacks.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/3592731.stm>

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MSN UK shuts Member Directory over paedo fears  
MSN UK has shut down its Members Directory over fears, presumably, that it could be used by paedophiles searching for young victims. This is our assumption, because MSN refused to discuss exactly why it had decided to close the directory which lists its members' details.

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/6/36775.html>

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Spammers fool Outlook with a new trick  
Outlook 2003's anti-spam technology is being fooled by spam messages that contain hundreds of hidden words not usually associated with spam. Spammers are inserting hidden words into their email messages to fool Microsoft Outlook's built-in anti-spam technology.

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/software/windows/0.39020396.39150695.00.htm>

Spam reaches new high in March

<http://www.vnunet.com/News/1154025>

'Spim' threat hovers on horizon

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/internet/security/0.39020375.39150679.00.htm>

EC: implement e-privacy directive – or else

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/55/36759.html>

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Insurers to drop hacking premiums

Prices for hacking insurance are predicted to drop for some businesses as insurers begin to understand the market better.

<http://www.vnunet.com/News/1154014>

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Companies sharpen tech tools to counter scams  
As Internet scams, also known as phishing, proliferate, companies are sharpening technological tools to counter them. Education alone, many agree, isn't enough. Anti-phishing software is apt to soon be added to the arsenal of digital shields forged to stop spam, viruses and hacking. Security companies are also building tools

for banks and merchants to use behind the scenes.

[http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/computersecurity/2004-04-02-phish-fight\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/computersecurity/2004-04-02-phish-fight_x.htm)

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Google's `Gmail' raises concerns

Google — the company whose founders vowed to “do no evil” with their products — is raising concerns about privacy with a new e-mail service that will include targeted advertising based on scans of private e-mail messages. Announced Wednesday, the “Gmail” service hasn’t even officially launched, but it is already alienating some who are worried that Google will snoop on their private electronic conversations.

<http://www.siliconvalley.com/mld/siliconvalley/8337390.htm>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A44454-2004Apr2.html>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A43373-2004Apr1.html>

<http://www.latimes.com/technology/la-fi-google2apr02.1.3965552.story>

[http://zdnet.com.com/2100-1104\\_2-5184090.html](http://zdnet.com.com/2100-1104_2-5184090.html)

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/6/36714.html>

Why Gmail gives me the creeps

[http://zdnet.com.com/2100-1107\\_2-5183826.html](http://zdnet.com.com/2100-1107_2-5183826.html)

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New security solution ships from Symantec

Internet security company Symantec Corp has launched version 6.0 of its Symantec DeepSight Alert Services offering that provides companies with alerts for potential threats.

<http://m2.com/M2/m2web.nsf/pv/85256A0F00242D3C80256E6A0034125E>

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Forrester questions Linux security

A new study from Forrester Research has concluded that the Linux operating system is not necessarily more secure than Windows. The report, Is Linux more secure than Windows? finds that on average, Linux distributors took longer than Microsoft to patch security holes, although Microsoft flaws tended to be more severe.

<http://www.techworld.com/security/news/index.cfm?NewsID=1329&Page=1&pagePos=6>

Open-source flaw database launched

<http://zdnet.com.com/2100-1105-5183853.html>

<http://www.vnunet.com/News/1154027>

Bug hunters go open source

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/55/36741.html>

New vulnerability database offers free security data

[http://www.gcn.com/vol1\\_no1/daily-updates/25499-1.html](http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/25499-1.html)

FSA rules raise data security fears

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/business/legal/0,39020651,39150681,00.htm>

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Criminals go in the Internet

At the International Conference "World Community

against Globalization of Crime and Terrorism" held in Moscow January 20–21, 2004, Deputy Secretary of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, Valentin Stepankov spoke about crimes in Russia. He said the number of ordered murders committed by the organized criminal groups increased from 3,3 to 25 thousand for the period of 1999–2003 years. 30% of these crimes are related to contraband and 20% are the ordered murders.

<http://www.crime-research.org/news/02.04.2004/170>

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Computer crimes in Ukraine

According to data provided by the IT Department of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, the ratio of computer crimes to all crimes in IT sphere makes up 10,4%. Among them: 4,2% violated Article 361 (illegal interference with operation of computers, systems and networks), 5,6% violated Article 362 (theft, appropriation, extortion or abuse of office) and 0,6% violated Article 363 (violation of regulation of computer systems use).

<http://www.crime-research.org/news/02.04.2004/168>

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Electronic Snoops Tackle Copiers

New markets are finally opening up for plagiarism–detection software, a mainstay of academia that has struggled to expand its reach beyond term papers. The scandal–plagued newspaper industry is considering whether to adopt the technology to crack down on copycats, while the New York Police Department is testing it as an investigative tool.

<http://www.wired.com/news/business/0,1367,62906,00.html>

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ID cards 'very much on the political agenda'

ID cards seem to be back on the fast track as Tony Blair says there are 'no longer' civil liberties issues. The terrorist threat to the UK will lead to ID cards will be introduced "more quickly than even we anticipated", according to the prime minister, Tony Blair.

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/hardware/emergingtech/0.39020357,39150694,00.htm>

<http://www.theregister.co.uk/content/4/36748.html>

International surveillance plan slammed

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/business/legal/0.39020651,39150693,00.htm>