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These are official responses from the open-source office software developer OpenOffice for media information about the first detection of a virus that attacks its application.

OpenOffice.org claims that macro viruses can attack any application that supports macro programming.



*" Macro is a very useful feature of any office suite. This feature is intended to help users automate several repetitive tasks ," said Jacqueline McNally. - expert of OpenOffice.org - said. " However, it is these tasks that have potential risks such as editing or deleting files. This is why macros become a hobby of virus programmers ."*

McNally also added that OpenOffice always asks users before making any macros. This helps prevent automated commands from being executed. McNally also affirmed that the developer always pays great attention to security and will quickly respond to any problems.

OpenOffice said it would not release a patch for the newly discovered macro virus problem because this is not really a serious problem. *" From a technical perspective, the macro virus is not a true virus because it does not have the ability to automate duplication. With the default settings of OpenOffice, the virus is not able to spread*

*itself. no user intervention "*.

To avoid being attacked, OpenOffice warns, users should not accept any files of unclear origin.

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