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Hoots.A's photo spread. (*Photo: Sophos*)

Hoots.A virus is a typical type of dangerous program in the late 1980s, when authors created viruses to entertain, not for any benefit. According to Sophos, the worm seems to be the product of a disgruntled employee and wants to make the computer system in a certain company clogged, but he is not aware that Hoots.A is spreading so quickly.

" *It is incomprehensible why this author wanted to print an owl, " said Graham Cluley, Sophos's advisor. " Hoots.A is not a 'professional' virus. Most hackers will encrypt their programs to avoid detection, but Hoots.A is not. It is also written in Visual Basic language - very little. used for writing viruses today "*

Anyway, Hoots.A has shown that printers can also become the target of Trojans and Sophos reminds companies

that need to manage more stringent machines.

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