

Melissa Virus Returns

Several companies have been hit by a new variant of the Melissa virus, although some antivirus experts are downplaying the strain's potential threat to businesses.

The new virus, called Melissa.U(Gen 1), has hit one U.S. company with 30,000 computers, according to Symantec Corp.'s AntiVirus Research Center.

Like the original Melissa, Melissa.U(Gen 1) has the ability to replicate by sending itself out to other email addresses. Unlike the original Melissa the new variant also deletes some system files.

Melissa.U(Gen 1) comes in an email with the subject line "pictures" and a body containing the words "whats up?"

Details at dgl.com/itinfo/1999/it991018.html.

Upgraded to Office 2000?

Our most recent online survey of IT professionals reports that 51% have already upgraded to Office 2000.

This includes both individual users and large-scale corporate installations.

Microsoft Office 2000 is, in our experience, much easier to use than Office 97.

Reason #189 to Train at Damar Group

All Damar Group trainers are members in good standing of ITrain, the International Association of IT Trainers.

Jeff Finkel, a trainer at our Columbia training center, chairs ITrain's IPEC committee that is now reviewing and will certify post-class evaluation programs for trainers worldwide.

Super-Fast Websites

Our website hosting computers are connected to the Internet backbone with three digital T3 lines—that means they're about 90 times faster than most ISP connections. And our machines aren't the only things that're fast. Your website will be up and running in about an hour.

A Really Huge Hard Disk

The largest PC hard disk, with a whopping 73 gigabytes (GB) of data storage space, was just announced by IBM. The drive is scheduled to be available in early 2000.

The disk, the UltraStar 72ZX, is aimed at high-end computing markets. Announcement of this drive is consistent with the industry's pace of more than doubling its capacities every year.

Details at dgl.com/itinfo/1999/it991015.html.

Customers Speak Out

"Loads of information - great hands on experience. Great instructor"
Maryann Battaglia, Manekin

"You concentrated on the areas that were important to my business!"
Larry Kent, Kent Systems

"For the third time - thanks for another great learning experience!!!"
Sharon McLemore, Manekin

"It was lots of fun, very informative!"
Barbara Kornick, Pacific Rehab

"The teacher was very friendly with the students and extra helpful."
John Molinaro, Grunley Construction

"Course was just what I was looking for."
Kathe Fovargue, Chapel Valley Landscaping

Upcoming Classes



Here's a short list of our most popular classes. Call Dave or Ann for a list of all classes.

We update the schedule daily as class registrations close and new classes are opened.

Windows 95/98/NT	11/1, 12/1
Word, Lvl 1	11/2, 12/8
Word, Lvl 2	11/15, 12/20
Excel, Lvl 1	11/8, 12/14
Excel, Lvl 2	11/29, 12/21
PowerPoint, Lvl 1	11/5, 12/13
PowerPoint, Lvl 2	11/22, 12/28
Access, Lvl 1	11/12, 12/8
Access, Lvl 2	11/30, 12/30
Netscape, Lvl 1	11/4, 12/2
Internet Marketing	11/4, 12/2
Website Dev, 1 & 2 ...	10/28, 11/10
FrontPage, Lvl 1	call
PageMaker, Lvl 1	12/22 & 12/23
Act!, Lvl 1	11/9
MS Project, Lvl 1	call
QuickBooks, Lvl 1	call
Train the Trainer	11/18 & 11/19

Red Hat Linux Upgrade

Red Hat released an upgrade to their top-notch Linux operating system, version 6.1. We're running Linux on our corporate network and on four of our super-fast website hosting computers in Chicago. Linux has been rock solid and much faster than our Novell NetWare servers. I'm looking forward to installing the 6.1 upgrade.

The latest release of Red Hat Linux includes simplified installation and improved system management capabilities. Details at dgl.com/itinfo/1999/it991004.html.

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