

Killer apps - and YOU're the dead meat

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As our computing model shifts from a well-controlled client-server model to that of the active desktop, a flood of dangerous and malicious code is now coursing through enterprise networks. From Melissa to ILOVEYOU to the next attack, our traditional means of screening out malicious code seem to be letting a lot through. We'll take a look at the most significant attacks of this past year, see how well (or poorly) the security infrastructure responded, and provide recommendations as to how you can better protect yourself in the future.

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