

# [NEWS] New Virus Infects Macromedia Flash Files

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## SUMMARY

A proof of concept virus that has the potential to infect Flash files commonly used on Web sites has been discovered.

## DETAILS

The SWF/LFM-926 virus, which could infect surfers if they download and then open a Flash file on their PC, is the first of its kind. Simply viewing a Web site or Flash movie fails to cause infection, but this is a simple proof of concept of the ability of virus writers to develop a flash-based Virus. The SWF/LFM-926 Virus only infects other Macromedia Flash files but this shows the ability of building a Virus that can spread, and future versions may carry damaging payloads.

Vendor response:

Macromedia has issued a statement clarifying that the issue affects only Macromedia Flash and not Shockwave content, which is produced using Director Shockwave studio, a different product.

A patch for Macromedia Flash will be available latter this week, the firm promised. More information can be found

<<http://www.macromedia.com/support/flash/>> here.

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Antivirus vendors, and our initial report, referred to Shockwave Flash but this is inaccurate: .SWF used to stand for Shockwave Flash file format, but now it's just Flash.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

An analysis of the virus by Sophos can be found here:  
<<http://www.sophos.com/virusinfo/analyses/swflfm926.html>>  
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