

Social impact of global  
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# What is a "computer virus"?

- A computer virus is a computer program that can copy itself and infect a computer. The term virus is mistakenly used to define malware, adware, and spyware because these programs don't have a reproductive ability.

# Important terms

- Global: worldwide and means of, or relating to, or involving the entire world, in the general sense or as the planet Earth.
- Malware: is software designed to infiltrate a computer without the owner's informed consent.
- Adware: is any software package which automatically plays, displays, or downloads advertisements to a computer after the software is installed on it or while the application is being used.

# Areas of impact

- Business and Employment: people might lose their business files due to their computer being affected by a virus.
- Arts, entertainment & Leisure: People might also lose their art or their entertainment through the virus changing their format.

# Stakeholders

- A stakeholder in business and employment are the employees ,employer,customers etc.

# Perceived benefits

- The perceived benefit is that the INTERNET has a benefit of sharing data In an instant but viruses take advantages of that through downloading files,e-mail,etc.

# Why is this such a problem/concern?

- The reason this is such a concern is that people are losing their files, identity, documents etc through viruses.

# Measures taken to solve this problem.

- They have anti-viruses softwares that are affective in curing computer viruses.



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