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Computer Viruses, Worms, Data Diddlers, Killer Programs and Other Threats to Your System

What They Are, How They Work, and How to Defend Your PC, Mac, or Mainframe

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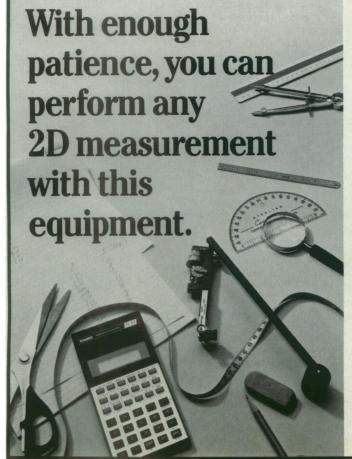
Your computer system could be contaminated *right now*, without your knowing it, by a rogue program that's reproducing and waiting to spread to other victims via phone line or disk. Unless you've practiced the safe computing techniques described in *Computer Viruses*, you risk losing all your data at any time.

If you use shareware or a modem, share data with others or borrow disks, you could become another victim of this electronic plague that is sweeping the nation — and the world.

— from the publisher

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Who is a likely target for attack?
- How viruses can infect your system, even if you don't exchange material with others
- How to defend against a virus attack
- How to detect and remove a virus
- Antidote software: what it is, and how it works.



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