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On the evolution of threats: who is faulty?

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November 2nd, 2008, will mark the 20th anniversary of the appearance of the first computer worm able to spread quickly and widely all over the Internet: the Internet worm, also known as the Morris Worm. This is probably a good time to briefly recap the observed evolution of the Internet threats since that date. We will see that the most recent trends seem to indicate the existence of a professional underground market to sell or rent malicious services and tools. In parallel, we will see how solutions have evolved with respect to the arising threats. We will present the classical intrusion detection and prevention systems and position them in the broader context of dependability mechanisms. We will review the problem of assessing the efficiency of these solutions and we will show, based on experimental results, how difficult benchmarking these tools can be. Last, we will try to understand why, twenty years after the Morris Worm, we have apparently failed in solving the Internet security issues. We will conclude by offering avenues for future work as well as perspectives on potential new threats.

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