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Computers in America went mad, thanks to a virus spread by graduate student Robert T. Morris Jr.



Robert Tappan Morris is an associate professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is best known for creating the Morris Worm, considered the first computer worm on the Internet. His original intent, according to him, was to gauge the size of the Internet. It was estimated that the cost of repair for the damage caused by the worm at each system ranged from \$200 to more than \$53,000.