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Subject: Re: Question about an old post.

From: "Fowler, Dan" <Dan.Fowler@warwick.ac.uk>
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> I'm doing some research on the history of malware. The word "malware"
> was coined in 1990 by Professor Yisrael Radai.

I know he gets credited with the first public posting using the term, July 4, 1990, but I was using the term in seminars more than a year earlier. My wife always insists that I coined it, although I never asserted any claim, figuring that it was an obvious use. I used it to point out that, unlike the feeling of most users and media reports of the time, there were multiple classes of malware, and not every computer problem was a "virus" :-)

> There is a post announcing his passing,
> http://victoria.tc.ca/int-grps/virus/yisrael.obt.html, I believe by yourself.

Yup.

> am after the date of his death, which I have been unable to find.

Closest I could come is May of 1996.

> The page HTML
> source code has a date of October 30th 1997. Would that be the date of
> your post, or of the software that generated the post?

Probably a later maintenance of the system. I would have posted it more than a year earlier, and I know that system had a major change from Freenet software to Web based, possibly around that time.

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