

## Twitter tormented by nettlesome computer program

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(AP) -- A nettlesome computer program that tormented Twitter over the weekend is another reminder of the challenges facing the rapidly growing online communications service.

The mischievous program, known as a "worm," targeted Twitter's network with four different attacks starting early Saturday and ending early Monday, according to Twitter co-founder Biz Stone.

The worm was a potentially <u>malicious program</u> designed to automatically reproduce itself once it's clicked on. But Stone says it didn't filch any personal information from the more than 6 million people with <u>Twitter</u> accounts.

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