

# Computer virus 'mastermind' arrested in Armenia

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"At the request of the national (Dutch) prosecution service, a 27-year-old Armenian believed to be the brains behind the notorious Bredolab network, was arrested at the Yerevan international airport last night," the prosecution service said in a statement in The Hague.

[Investigators](#) said they dismantled a criminal network on Monday that had used [computer servers](#) in the Netherlands to infect at least 30 million computers worldwide with a virus that allows others to obtain information like bank passwords from infected computers.

The network was capable of infecting three million computers a month and was sending an estimated 3.6 billion virus e-mails to users daily by the end of 2009.

A total of 143 computer servers were disconnected in the Netherlands on Monday, the prosecuting service said.

Since the [Netherlands](#) have no extradition agreement with Armenia, "we are discussing the possibility of the suspect being put on trial there", prosecution spokesman Wim de Bruin told AFP.

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