

English for Computer Science

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Passage 1

The authors of viruses have several strategies to circumvent antivirus software and to propagate their creations more effectively. So-called polymorphic viruses make variations in the copies of themselves to elude detection by scanning software. A stealth virus hides from the operating system when the system checks the location where the virus resides, by forging results that would be expected from an uninfected system. A so-called fastinfector virus infects not only programs that are executed but also those that are merely accessed. As a result, running antiviral scanning software on a computer infected by such a virus can infect every program on the computer. A so-called slow-infector virus infects files only when the files are modified, so that it appears to checksumming software that the modification was legitimate.

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A so-called sparse-infecter virus infects only on certain occasions—for example, it may infect every tenth program executed. This strategy makes it more difficult to detect the virus. By using combinations of several virus-writing methods, virus authors can create more complex new viruses. Many virus authors also tend to use new technologies when they appear. The antivirus industry must move rapidly to change their antiviral software and eliminate the outbreak of such new viruses.

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Passage 2

Several experimental technologies offer the potential for storage densities that are thousands or millions of times better than what is possible today. Some approaches use individual molecules, sometimes at superconducting temperatures, to trap very small magnetic fields or electrical charges for data storage. In other technologies, large two dimensional data sets such as pictures are stored as holograms in cubes of material. Individual bits are not stored at any one location, but instead are spread out over a much larger area and mixed in with other bits. Loss of information from any one spot thus does not cause the irreplaceable loss of any one bit of information.

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25. Paragraph 2 provides information

- 1) casting doubt on the feasibility of RAIDs
- 2) accentuating the difference between scientists about ways to develop high storage devices
- 3) outlining ways to accomplish an objective already stated
- 4) repudiating the claim that given the present technologies RAIDs are still an impossibility

Passage 3

Programming languages date back almost to the invention of the digital computer in the 1940s. The first assembly languages emerged in the late 1950s with the introduction of commercial computers. The first procedural languages were developed in the late 1950s to early 1960s: Fortran (FORMula TRANslation), created by John Backus, and then COBOL (COMmon Business Oriented Language), created by Grace Hopper. The first functional language was LISP (LIST Processing), written by John McCarthy in the late 1950s. Although heavily updated, all three languages are still widely used today.

Passage 3

In the late 1960s, the first object-oriented languages, such as SIMULA, emerged. Logic languages became well known in the mid 1970s with the introduction of PROLOG, a language used to program artificial intelligence software. During the 1970s, procedural languages continued to develop with ALGOL, BASIC, PASCAL, C, and ADA. SMALL TALK was a highly influential object-oriented language that led to the merging of object-oriented and procedural languages in C++ and more recently in JAVA. Although pure logic languages have declined in popularity, variations have become vitally important in the form of relational languages for modern databases, such as SQL (Structured Query Language).

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