

1957 USSR launches Sputnik, the world's first satellite. USA responds the following year by establishing the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA).



1965 ARPA net (precursor to the internet) was established, connecting several machines together for the first time. This took place at MIT Lincoln Lab and System Development Corporation in Santa Monica. The systems were connected by a 1200bps fixed link.

1976 On the 26 March, Britain's Queen Elisabeth II sent an e-mail from the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment (RSRE) at Malvern.




1981 IBM releases the first PC, based on PC-Dos.



1983 Microsoft makes its first version of Windows.

1983 Fred Cohen launches the phrase "computer virus" in his doctoral thesis.



1986 "Brain", the first PC virus was identified. This was a boot virus.




1989 Norway's first virus, Jerusalem, was identified by Arcen Data/Norman.

1989 The number of machines on the internet reaches 100,000.

1989 By October there are 25 known viruses. By December the same year, this has increased to 59 viruses. By 2003, the number of known viruses has risen to over 75,000.

1991 At Storebrand the day ends at 5pm with the Yankee Doodle melody. Over 600 PCs are infected. Norman is asked to solve the problem.

1991 Arcen Data/Norman develops the first firewall with integrated anti-virus. This was sold to the US Department of Defense, among others.



1993 Arcen Data changes its name to Norman.

1993 The first release of Microsoft Windows NT 3.1.

1993 The White House in Washington gets its own web-site (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/>).




1995 The first macro-virus "WM/Concept.A"

1995 Rights to the Rolling Stones song "start me up", were purchased by Microsoft and used for the launch of Windows 95.

1995 Norman buys the Thunderbyte product.

1995 Norman acquires 59% of a data recovery company, Ibas.



1998 In January, Norman establishes a new office in the UK.

1998 Norman buys 70% of the Dutch security company SHARK BV.

1998 "W32/CIH.1003.A" - the first virus to destroy the computer bios.

1998 The first internet epidemic: "W97M/Melissa.A"

1998 Microsoft Windows 98. The anti-trust case against Microsoft starts.

1998 The first "successful" e-mail worm "Happy99" or "W32/SKA.A"

2000 Norman establishes an office in Denmark.

2000 Norman releases NVC 5.0

2000 The biggest internet epidemic to date: "VBS/Loveletter.A" or "I love you".

2000 Ibas becomes a 100% owned subsidiary of Norman.

2002 The second generation SandBox technology is presented in New Orleans.

2002 All Fujitsu Siemens Computers sold in the Nordic home market are shipped with Norman's security software pre-installed.



2004 The three malware families Bagle, Netsky and MyDoom are causing serious problems for computer users. Several different variants appear during the year.

2004 Norman and Ibas are split into two separate entities. Enables them to focus on core business.

2006 Norman's advanced Malware Analyzer products released.

2006 Norman opens an office on the west coast of the United States

2006 Norman launches NVC 5.90 for Windows Vista.




2008 Norman/SHARK is taken over 100% by Norman.

2008 Norman Network Protection released.


2008 Norman estimates that more malicious programs than legitimate ones will be created during the year.

2008 Popular social networks like Facebook and Twitter are increasingly used to spread malicious software.




1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000

1965 Kristen Nygard develops Simula - the first object-oriented programming language which later formed the basis of C++, for example, and even later, Java.



1975 Microsoft was founded in Albuquerque, New Mexico, by Bill Gates and Paul Allen.




1978 Bill Gates and Microsoft acquired the rights to MS-Dos.



1982 Norway gets its first internet connection via TCP/IP over SATNET. ARPA establishes TCP (Transmission Control Protocol) and IP (Internet Protocol) - known as TCP/IP - as a common protocol for the ARPA net.


1984 On October 2nd Norman was founded under the name Arcen Data, with office at Parkveien in Oslo. It started with a focus on back-up and financial analysis systems.



1988 Arcen Data/Norman wins its first international contract with the Arcen Back Up Assistant product. This contract was with IBM for distribution in Scandinavia. The company had 13 employees.

1988 In order to use Microsoft Excel, Microsoft releases Windows 2.1.

1988 Robert Morris Jr. wrote a program called a "worm" and injected it into the Internet (Unix).




1990 Bill Gates launches the phrase "information at your fingertips". Microsoft Windows 3.0 arrives the same year.

1990 Arcen Data/Norman releases its first independent anti-virus product. In the same year, virus control is integrated to secure the "back up".

1990 By April there are 468 known viruses. By July the same year, this has increased to 711 viruses. There are currently about 4 new viruses each day.

1992 The phrase "surfing the internet" was introduced by Jean Armour Polly.



1994 Norman establishes a new office in Germany.

1994 Netscape is established.



1994 Kapital Data awards Norman the title of IT company of the year.



1996 The US Marines, Airforce and Army chose Norman Virus Control.


1996 Norman establishes a new office in Switzerland.

1996 Norman opens an office in Sweden.

1996 Norman releases NVC 4.0

1999 Norman launches "Norman Personal Firewall".

1999 Microsoft Windows 2000 launched.



2001 The first large internet-worm epidemic "Code Red".

2001 Norman presents its SandBox technology for the first time at the Virus Bulletin conference in Prague.

2001 Microsoft releases Windows XP.

2001 Norman closes down its Security Solutions business unit.

2003 The worm Sobig.F is spreading so rapidly that it is causing a spam problem.



2005 Norman SandBox 2005 released.



2007 Microsoft Windows Vista becomes generally available.

2007 Norman establishes an R&D office in India.

2007 Norman Security Suite released.



2007 Malicious software "celebrates" its 25th years anniversary.

2009 The worm Conficker is causing problems all over the world, and is the first major outbreak in recent years.

2009 Norman Endpoint Protection released.



2009 Norman launches the DNA Matching.



2009 Norman launches the Exploit Detection.



2009 US President Obama recognizes the digital infrastructure as a strategic national asset.

