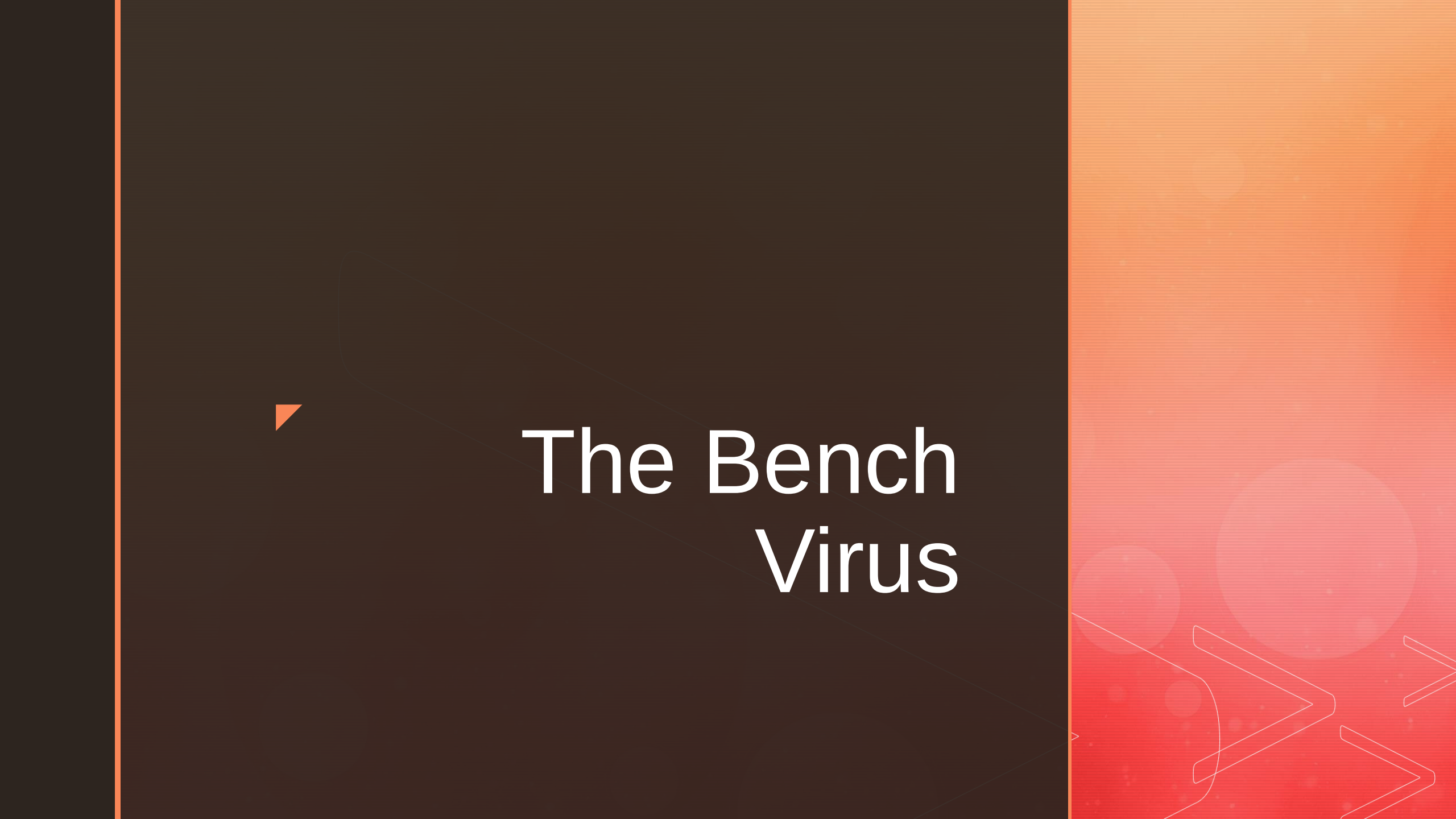




The Bench Virus



How does it infiltrate computers

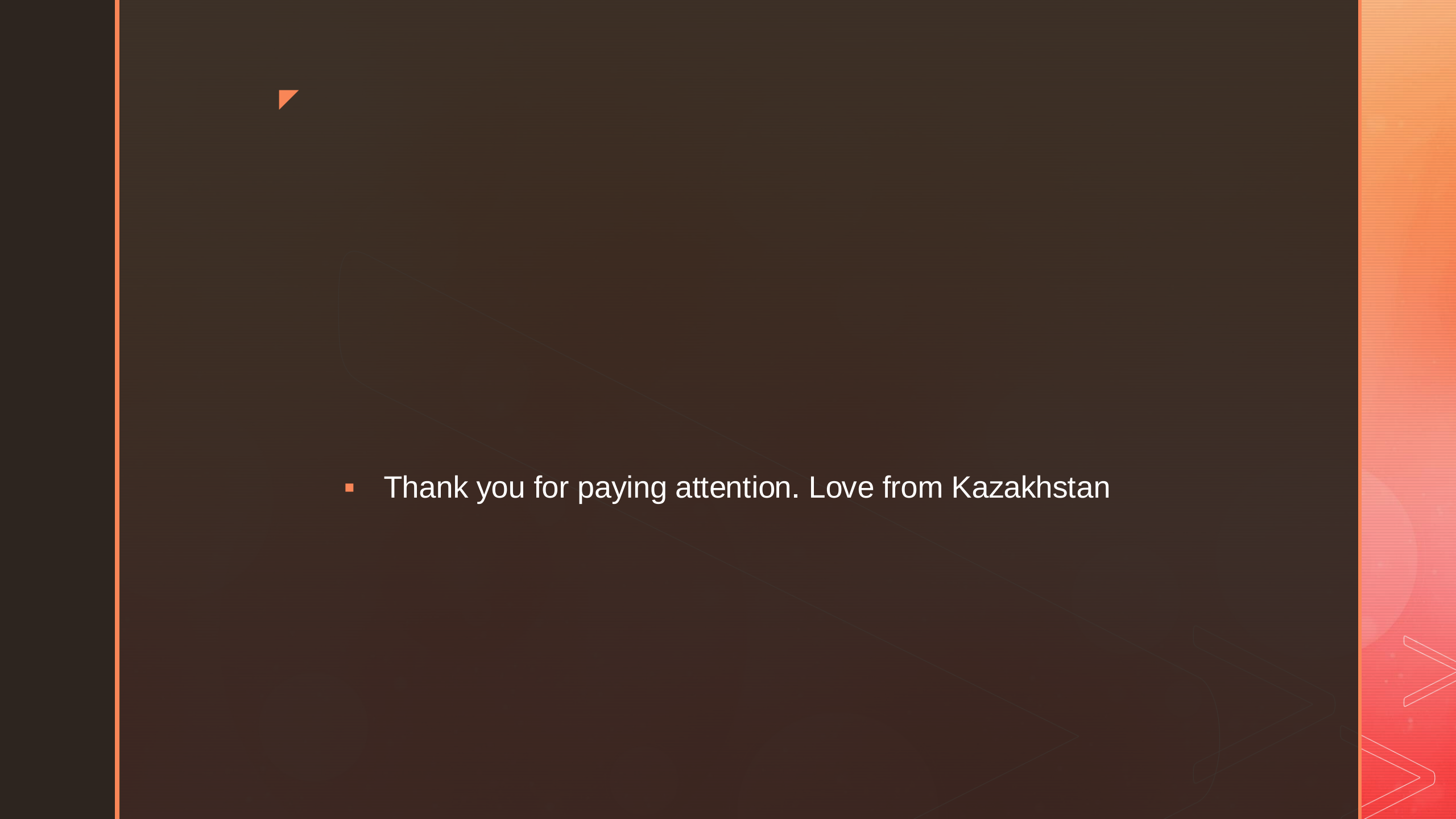
- The bench virus spreads to computers through ransomware. The virus programmers paid app developers to secretly insert the virus into the programs as a "trojan horse"

How does it work

- The virus secretly crypto mines the computer. After the manually set deadline, the computer gets completely locked and ask for "ransom" if the PC owner wants his data and computer safe.

Fun trivia:

- Originates from Kazakhstan since 2024
- Has been found in the apps: CCleaner,Opera GX,Tlauncher,Avast Antivirus
- Total Profit as of 2025: 3.5 billion turkish lira

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- Thank you for paying attention. Love from Kazakhstan



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