

Re: VIRUS PROTECTION QUESTION

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I don't use either of the mentioned products.

I've had several incidents in newsgroups on this server wherein my AV program protected my setup when someone either maliciously or unwittingly posted a message that executed a virus.

In each case, my antivirus program "saved the day so to speak."

My information is anecdotal, so is yours. Better to be safe than sorry, ever hear the expression, "Your mileage may vary." Telling people to run without an antivirus program based solely on your own experience is irresponsible and given what we've seen of virus propagation, it is dangerous.

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Backup is a PC User's Best Friend
DTS-L.Org: <http://www.dts-l.org/>
"Unknown" <Unknown@Somewhere.Kom> wrote in message
news:MO9Zb.11376\$PY.6725@newssvr26.news.prodigy.com...
> The antivirus programs cause far more problems than they prevent. I don't
> use
> any virus programs and never have had a virus. I absolutely despise the
> companys Symantec and Norton. They use nothing but scare tactics to sell
> their
> products. Show me a case where a virus detect program saved the day so to
> speak.
> "Michael Solomon (MS-MVP Windows Shell/User)" <user@#notme.com> wrote in
> message news:eWMeN2y9DHA.3428@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
>> The same is true of the MS-Security Updates or anything else. Assuming
>> the
>> user receives the updates before an attack, he's fine. By the same
>> token,
>> an MS Security Update may appear later than the antivirus update in which
>> case the argument you just made could be applied to the MS-update.
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>> Further, while MS Security Updates plug a vulnerability in the system,
>> because they work at system level, they may have an adverse affect on the
>> user's setup and these boards are replete with such examples. Antivirus
>> programs function on the basis of recognition and as such, don't run the
>> same risk of destabilizing a users setup. The update adds to the AV
>> database as opposed to making a system change.

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>> I'm not saying plugging the vulnerability is bad, I am saying it has its
>> drawbacks and if a user determines a problem is the result of an update,
>> they can often remove it or use System Restore to go back to a time
>> before
>> it was installed but still be protected because they also have an
>> antivirus
>> program that they keep up to date.
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>> "Unknown" <Unknown@Somewhere.Kom> wrote in message
>> news:Oj9Zb.11357$PY.6515@newssvr26.news.prodigy.com...
>> > If you don't open messages that have attachments, have the firewall
>> > turned
>> > on
>> > AND have the latest updates from MS you won't get a virus. 99% of the
>> > time
>> > the
>> > virus programs miss a new virus and then have to be updated to catch
>> > the
>> > current one. They are useless and an unnecessary cost.
>> > "Wayne Allen" <W_ALLEN_04@YAHOO.COM> wrote in message
>> > news:836c1474.0402190418.16684a16@posting.google.com...
>> >> I have a question that I hope somebody can give me an answer to. Using
>> >> Yahoo Mail or Hotmail is it possible to get a virus from reading your
>> >> E-mail messages IF you don't open any messages that have attachments?
>> >> I assume that as long as I don't open any messages with attachments I
>> >> should be safe, but I've had people tell me that this is not correct.
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>> >> Thanks!
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>> >> Wayne
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