

# Re: XP vs Mac OS X

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justin wrote:

As of today, here are NO virii or trojans in existence. And when the email client is configured to pass plain ASCII only, which is as hard as ticking a box, a Mac doesn't spread them either.

This isn't true, as my other posting suggests. There is a trojan rootkit designed to take over Mac OSX. It's been found on only one system 'in the wild'.

No, it was not, and it could not activate itself unless the machine was already physically compromised, on a root level. One had to install it as a root. NOT over network.

So you are wrong, there are 'mactrojans'.

WRT the network thing, are you talking about viruses or worms? The word "virus" is generally used to refer to any malware that can be spread from system to system. The method of delivery is immaterial. A network worm is a 'virus' that attacks over the network, without user intervention.

If there was one, rest assured it would hit the news big time. Mac users are not spending any money on protection and as such, are very interesting to companies like Symantec which are dropping Mac

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support.

As a Mac user since '90 I've never seen one, although I've heard of some benign cases. I have been running OS X since it come out, as a root, connected 24/7, with only a built in firewall. Never had a prob