

## Re: A question for the group

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In article <1152058179.662058.129320@xx>, <smccaine@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

I've been lurking awhile and I needed to post this time for help. I believe that I have caught my computer dialing a number which I do not want it to dial. Is such a thing even possible?

It sure is. There are viruses that do this sort of thing. Unplug the phone line to the PC until you solve the problem.

If it is a Windows computer, use a different computer to download the latest anti-virus software and run it on the suspect computer. After you run the virus scan, restart the PC in safe mode and run it again. The restart it again and run it yet again.

If the anti-virus software never reports that it found a virus go buy a different one and try it. After the normal mode and safe mode scan, the 3rd scan should come up clean. It may then be safe to reconnect the phone line.

[...]

problem? Do I now need to build a box to defend my lame computer?

The box to do this isn't all that hard. All you need is a switch in series with the phone lines.

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