

## Re: Warning! Virus!

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"Mazi" <!spamMe@NoSpammer.Null> wrote in message  
news:N73Bd.46523\$k25.34708@attbi\_s53...  
>  
> "NSM" <nowrite@to.me> wrote in message  
> news:td2Bd.35152\$Y72.32523@edtnps91...  
>>  
>> "Mazi" <!spamMe@NoSpammer.Null> wrote in message  
>> news:vu1Bd.590849\$wV.580462@attbi\_s54...  
>> |  
>> | "NSM" <nowrite@to.me> wrote in message  
>> | news:TP%Ad.35092\$Y72.27863@edtnps91...  
>> |>  
>> |> "Frank Bemelman" <f.bemelmanq@xs4all.invalid.nl> wrote in message  
>> |> news:41d4034e\$0\$6209\$e4fe514c@news.xs4all.nl...  
>> |>  
>> |> | Clicking a valid url is not that bad, is it? I have no virus  
> checker,  
>> |> never  
>> |> | had. I install the MS patches when I am advised to do so, and  
that's  
>> it.  
>> |>  
>> |> Yikes! Install AVG Personal – it's free. I'd no more go on the 'net  
>> naked  
>> |> than go shopping downtown naked.  
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>> |> N  
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>> |  
>> | My Linux computer does not have any ad/spy-aware and anti virus  
software  
>> | installed, yet I don't see any harm to my Linux computer after  
visiting  
>> the  
>> | website. So, what's the deal?  
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>> No big deal – until you find your entire hard drive erased or hopelessly

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> > *corrupted. It's a low risk with Linux, but still exists. Why take the*  
> > *chance?*  
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> *I wished that can be done when logon as a regular user. Every now and*  
*then,*  
> *I need to install/delete some files as a regular user and always got the*  
> *error messages saying no enough priviledge. Will any virus have such a*  
> *priviledge? If so, my Linux computer is now full of virus mainly because I*  
> *intentionally use it to read all my e-mails that contain virus. Alas, it*  
*is*  
> *still running in the office 24/7 since 10/5/3. Does anyone out here know*  
*how*  
> *much of the CPU resources are wasted to run anti-virus/trojan and*  
> *ad/spy-aware software on-demand on any MS OS based system? Wouldn't it be*  
> *nice if those wasted CPU resources can be used to perform some other*  
*tasks?*  
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> --  
> *Mazi*  
>  
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Windows can be setup the same way, well at least NT/2K/XP can, 9x is hopelessly insecure. I finally put 2K on my mom's computer and set her up as a standard user and haven't had any problems at all with it since, however most people like the convenience of always being logged in as admin, not good practice but most even fairly knowledgeable people I know do it.

A good virus scanner uses few system resources, I usually only start mine up though when I'm installing something I've downloaded and do a scan every once in a while to make sure nothing slipped by.