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It's time again for our newsletter! In this issue: Virus alerts, new security from Microsoft and Consumer alerts...

Virus and Spam Alerts...

W32.Bobax.AA is a mass-mailing worm that sends itself to addresses gathered from the compromised computer as well as from search results on Google and Acconna. It also operates as a covert proxy. This program turns off any anti-virus and anti-spyware software that may be running on your computer and steals more email addresses from the computer to continue sending the virus out.

Please be aware a new wave of spam that disguises itself as a Microsoft Corp. security bulletin contains a link to malicious software that gives attackers complete access to the infected machine. If you receive any bulletins that you are not sure what you should do please feel free to give us a call and ask.

Microsoft Beefs Up Security...

Microsoft will begin testing new software in coming months to prevent internet theft of personal data. Test versions will be made available in Microsoft's next operating system and internet browser. The new Microsoft products will include ways for computer users and businesses to identify themselves online, exchange data and guard against software that can steal personal information. The new version of Windows, code-named Longhorn, will introduce a software technology known as "Info-cards". "Info-cards" will let computer users selectively disclose information about themselves to businesses or others online, the report said.

A little news for our Mac users...

Viruses and worms are the "amusement" of every PC owner, condemned to install security patches, to be up to date with new apparitions of malicious codes, to update daily the anti-virus solutions and to run a firewall. Just when you thought nothing can harm your computer some company announces a security breach.

In this aspect, Mac users, although smaller in number, are much happier. Even if Symantec announced recently that the attacks on these systems are increasing, Mac users are much safer from worms and viruses than the rest of the users.

To balance things, a Tennessee company announced that it offers 25,000 dollars for the person who creates a virus able to infect two PowerMac G5 systems with Internet connection and with a clean version of OS X.

Consumer News...

Sony's newly launched PlayStation Portable handheld gaming console seems a little troubled by an issue over the dead pixels that are apparently plaguing the device, and the coverage that the warranty gives over that. Basically, Sony put forward the notion that it did not consider dead pixels to be something covered under the standard one-year warranty. However, Sony has now reversed this stance, and is quite willing to replace PSP with bad pixels.

Anti-Virus Software...

If you are tired of paying Symantec each year to receive anti-virus software then stop. We have started using AVG by Grisoft. It is a free program that works just as well as Norton and in some cases better. It checks for updates everyday and runs a complete scan each day as well. We have been using AVG for about 6 months and we have not had any trouble with it to date.

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