

Tip for June 2005
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Have been flat out the last month getting rid of some of the nastiest Trojans I have seen so far. Sometimes I wonder if I am ever going to solve a problem but it seems that persistence pays off.

People with older computers often wonder whether they would be better off with a new computer when these viruses and intruders attack but the truth is the viruses don't know the age of your computer – they attack any way.

And hardware can die all of a sudden too regardless of the age of the computer. This month I have seen floppy, CD ROM drives and power supplies die – it is the age of built in obsolescence after all.

To protect your computer from viruses and intruders, the best thing you can do is have a good firewall – zone labs offer an excellent one free on the internet. Pevx Pro for windows XP stops the nasties before they get in.

If you have Windows XP, try Ewido to find nasty intruders; if you have 98, then adaware se is also free on the internet.

Use Mozilla Firefox as your internet browser and not Internet Explorer.

Be vigilant. One client of mine who shall remain nameless complained that once he had Pevx Pro installed, his network was running much more slowly. Well, I am a woman who speaks her mind, so I told him that there is nothing slower than dead – and that is what would happen without this program.

Remember speed is a relative thing – once some people have got used to speedy internet access with broad band, they can be very scathing about their friend's and relatives' dial up speed and urge them to get faster and therefore, in their eyes, better access. For some people dial up is sufficient for their needs and they don't really feel like paying at least twice as much for something they don't use very often.

Corrigendum:

Last month, I sent Bill insufficient information and he published the same web site for two different products. Mea culpa – if it happens again, please email me for the correct information.

cheers,

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