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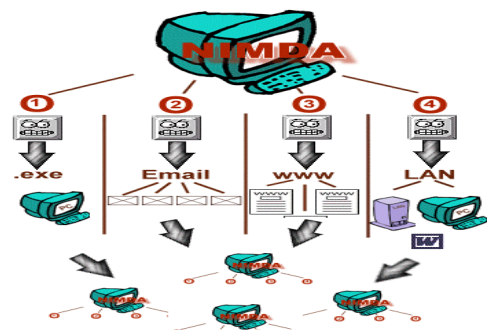
There may have been a time when you could easily have confused the word “NIMDA” with a green cartoon reptile named after an Italian renaissance artist. Now, however – like millions and millions of others – you know at the very least that this name refers to as a computer virus (or at least you do now) that can do serious damage to your data. Our increasing reliance on the Internet, both as corporations and as individuals, has certainly been modified. The growth of technology brings about unfortunate situations as well. The freedom of connecting to the Internet at very fast speeds can leave us open to attacks.

So, now more than ever before, it's very important for companies and individuals to protect their infrastructures from any threats.

According to Symantec (symantec.com), a leading application service provider, over 1.2 million of 1.9 million computers scanned in the North America were infected with various viruses in the month of August. The threat is real and growing each and every day, but there are ways to prevent these intrusions before they infiltrate your network, and protect your data from the ones that may slip through the cracks.

There are so many viruses out there that it would be impossible to list them all. That's where companies like Symantec (symantec.com), McAfee (mcafee.com), and Trend Micro (trendmicro.com) come into play. Each company offers software to deal with past, present and future virus attacks at just about every level. Plus, they keep track of new virus threats and update their software respectively.

Clearly, virus attacks of any sort are unwelcome intrusion for anyone. But in any event, attacks on PCs are as common today as a cold is to a six-year-old child. The above products are designed to protect systems from such attacks. When a new virus is discovered, they (companies listed above) will automatically update their virus definitions and make them available for download. In the event a virus finds a way in, antivirus software will detect and remove the program and, in most cases, repair damage that has occurred as a result of an attack.



In no way am I endorsing one product over another. All I'm saying is obtain some type of preventative tool to protect your PC because you are the first and last point of defense. Leaving your PC unprotected is simply an invitation to disaster.

You can find out more about computer viruses and stay up-to-date with the latest news by visiting http://news.yahoo.com/fc/Tech/Computer_Viruses/. In addition, check out my virus news feed @ (<http://www.sefitch.com/news.htm>).

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