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Got spam?

Look closer... is it real or a fake alert?

If you get an email purported to be from Microsoft which starts off like this....

"Update for Microsoft Outlook / Outlook Express (KB910721)

Brief Description: Microsoft has released an update for Microsoft Outlook / Outlook Express.

This update is critical and provides you with the latest version of the Microsoft Outlook / Outlook Express and offers the highest levels of stability and security."

DELETE IT IMMEDIATELY!!!

If you check the link, you'll find it is not really Microsoft but a **fake** which will load a virus onto your machine! Currently this is not being caught by many email filters (we received a copy of it at our shop).

ALL legitimate Microsoft updates are obtained through the Automatic Update Service on your computer, *NOT from an email!*

Spam mail on the rise

Symantec's May 2009, MessageLabs Intelligence Report has recorded a rise in spam levels of 5.1% over the previous month. This puts spam levels at 90.4% of all corporate email – what's behind this spike?

Spammers work by US clocks

MessageLabs Intelligence research shows that spammers are

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predominantly active during the US working day, and may be indicative of the fact that the most active spammers are either based in the US or find the US workforce the most likely targets. Spammers are finding this large target audience that's online and more likely to respond as being very profitable for their nefarious activities.

Webmail and links to social networks pose a big threat

The US workforce also spending time on webmail and on popular social networks are aiding this increase in spam. Active profiles on social networks are goldmines for spammers to lure unsuspecting users. All spammers use is a subject line and a valid hyperlink to active profiles on one of a number of major social networking sites. These emails originate from legitimate addresses on some of the main webmail providers making them harder to catch by regular anti-spam filters.



Dead hard Drive = potential for disaster

Two pages, typed \approx 1Kb

1000 Kb \approx 1 Mb or 2000 pages

1000 Mb \approx 1 GB or 2 million pages

Average size of a picture \approx 3 Mb

Average size of a music album \approx 1 GB

Average size of My Documents folder \approx 5 GB

Average price to transfer data \approx \$50

Average price to recovery data from a damaged hard drive \approx \$1000

Average price to restart a business

after losing everything \approx \$500,000**

**We offer off-site, data backup service* starting at
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Did you know?

Speed up menu display

Microsoft Windows XP uses many visual effects to provide a rich, friendly interface. One of these settings allows menus to fade into view when you open them. This visual effect is so smooth that you may never have noticed it; however, the effect does cause menus to take a little longer to appear.

On a fast computer, this shouldn't be an issue. But on a computer that isn't responding as quickly as you'd like, you can make menus display faster.

To speed up menu display

1. Click Start. Right-click My Computer and then click Properties.
2. Click the Advanced tab. In the Performance area, click Settings.
3. On the Visual Effects tab in the Performance Options dialog box, clear the Fade or slide menus into view check box.
4. Click OK.
5. In the System Properties dialog box, click OK.

Now when you click a menu, it will appear almost instantly.



Joe's Small Business Notes:

Lost & Found money... yours!

Did you know there is a web site you can go to and see if you have unclaimed money due to you?

Many of our customer & clients have money sitting in the government's bank just waiting to be claimed! How do we know? We have looked for you! The exact amounts we are not able to see because is general (\$25+,

\$50+, \$100+) but we can see you have money unclaimed.

Go to <http://www.treasurer.mo.gov/mainucp.asp> and search by your business name or your own name. Amazingly, several of our friends, family & business associates have money there waiting to be claimed.

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