

An eWarrior Guide to Bad Files


The online world is awesome, but in order to navigate it, we need to be a little careful. You wouldn't walk around at night without a flashlight, would you?




Let's learn the basics!

A malicious software (called Malware) can come in through emails. Never open an email from someone you don't know, even if it says you won a prize!

Riiight...




You won a trip to Disneyland!!!
From Auntie Betty
Can we go to the movies?



That's one way to get infected... but did you know malware can also hide in pictures? This is why you should never open pictures sent by a stranger.

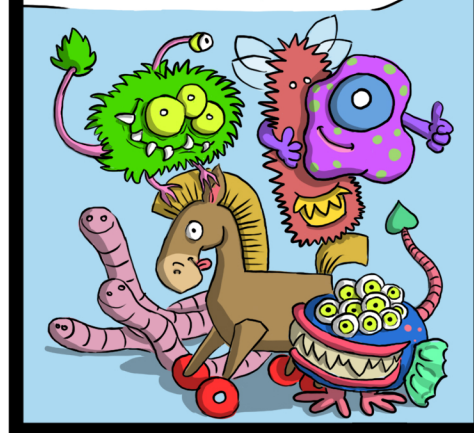
Malware can be super smart. Sometimes, hackers can take control of your computer from far away, and force you to pay money before they release your computer. This is called ransomware.

AAAAAH!!!




send money
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There are many kinds of malware out there.



A virus, for instance, is a bad file that can only be activated if you click on it.



SSSSSS


So, when you click that puppy picture, kaboom!

Now, a worm is a little trickier. These don't even need to be clicked on. They activate themselves, and can also copy themselves over and over.



A trojan horse is a program that looks good, but has been modified to hide a malicious software.

I am a pretty little pony!!!




Bad hackers also create software that watch what you do. They can watch your online activity via spyware, or even take control of your computer camera and look inside your home.



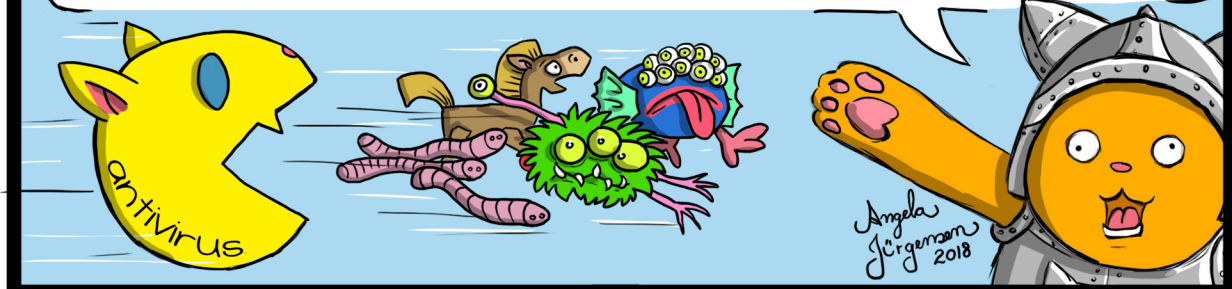
One of the reasons not to share personal information online is identity theft. Bad people can steal your identity and pretend to be you, even ordering credit cards in your name!

But I am Joey!

Not anymore...



But don't worry! A good antivirus program can find and isolate or delete bad files. The antivirus keeps your computer protected from most malware. so you can explore the amazing online world without fear. Just remember, don't share personal information, follow the eWarrior rules and keep your Antivirus program up to date!



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