

# RE: readnotify.com

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*Source:* <http://www.derkeiler.com/Mailing-Lists/securityfocus/security-basics/2006-01/msg00414.html>

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- *From:* "evb" <[swiver@xxxxxxx](mailto:swiver@xxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Wed, 25 Jan 2006 13:12:10 -0700
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Readnotify doesn't primarily rely on web bugs, so setting your email client to NOT download images will not protect you.

See El Reg: The battle for email privacy

[http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/07/30/email\\_privacy/](http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/07/30/email_privacy/)

Eric

[www.risk-averse.com](http://www.risk-averse.com)

:-----Original Message-----

:From: Ebeling, Jr., Herman Frederick [<mailto:hfebelingjr@xxxxxxx>]

:Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2006 11:13 AM

:To: Larry Offley

:Cc: security-basics@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

:Subject: RE: readnotify.com

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:-----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----

:Hash: SHA1

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:-----Original Message-----

:From: Larry Offley [<mailto:lucullus@xxxxxxx>]

:Sent: Wednesday, 25 January, 2006 03:43

:To: hfebelingjr@xxxxxxx

:Cc: security-basics@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

:Subject: Re: readnotify.com

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:: Yes and no. First we need to know how they know you read

:your e-mail. I

:: common way is the use of a "Web bug" these usually consist of a small

:: 1x1 image usually the same color as the back ground of a html

:: e-mail message or transparent. This method is easy and works on all

:: platforms (Linux/mac/pc). If you use a mail client that doesn't auto

:: download referenced images, then the server hosting the image can't

:: tell you have read the message. Read the provided wiki link

:for more on

:: the subject.

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:: Wiki on web bugs <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Webbug>

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:: Larry Offley  
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 :: Ebeling, Jr., Herman Frederick wrote:  
 :: : -----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE-----  
 :: : Hash: SHA1  
 :: :  
 :: : Does anyone know anything about a web site called  
 :: : (<http://www.readnotify.com/>)? If so does anyone know of anyway to  
 :: : prevent it from sending it's return receipts to the sender?  
 :: :  
 :: : Herman

:  
 :Larry,  
 :  
 : Thanks for the link, I'll read it as soon as I get done  
 :with my E-Mail.  
 :Can O2k be set so that it doesn't auto download images? if so  
 :where does one go to change the setting?  
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: Ok, what about their "self-destructing" E-Mail, E-Mail  
 :that the sender can "revoke," preventing the recipient from  
 :either printing or forwarding an E-Mail? How do they do those  
 :things???

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 :Herman  
 :Live Long and Prosper

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:-----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE-----

:Version: PGP 8.0.3

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:iQA/AwUBQ9e/iR/i52nbE9vTEQL/8QCdEn1GR7uaQ2m29LaPW/es7zAgXcsAoLjK
:oFJx8j5N4pCe2+yDStJvayir
:=K9zZ
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:-----END PGP SIGNATURE-----

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