

Re: Hard Drive Booby Trap

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> "Goober" <Goober@myplace.com> wrote in message
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>> *But I'm interested in knowing if there is a software that will
>> erase your hard drive when it is accessed with out your permission?*
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> *The question got me thinking. Don't have too much forensic
> experience, but how does a software program, presumably running on the
> same harddisk, be able to erase the hard disk in which it is also
> resident, although point taken that it could load fully to the RAM.
> But there must be some amount of writing or reading from the disk
> while the program is under operation, or am I wrong. Also, if it gets
> fully loaded into RAM, and the disk is getting erased, we might also
> assume that the OS also gets erased. So even if the software is still
> in the RAM, how does it execute? I know the questions are very novice
> and may have very simple answers, but would appreciate if someone
> could clarify these doubts,*
>
> *Regards*
> *C:\>*
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> *Kindly post replies to the
> newsgroup itself*

> *From Windows obviously the program would have to run.*

But you can format a hard drive from dos mode.

The computer does format it's self. The trigger would have to be upon startup. The boot sequence pass word protected.

Without the password, formatting would be initiated.

I'm not sure that can be done, just speculating.

That's why I asked.

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