

Re: Dial-up Security: Is this a known problem?

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Jbwtsn03 wrote:

- > *My concern is that once I try to get on the net with a brand new*
- > *installation*
- > *(fdisk, format, re-instal), the problem is still there.*

What problem? You have no references that I can find. Sorry.

- > *I'm wondering if*
- > *my*
- > *actual telephone call has been hijacked!*

I don't think it's possible, but I won't rule it out.

- > *Does anyone have anything to say*
- > *on*
- > *that? I looked at dialerspy.com, but couldn't figure out how to configure*
- > *it! I'm not even sure it's what I need.*

Then don't get it if you're not sure.

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- > *Each and every time I connect (AOL!), it shows a speed of 32000 bps.*

That's because AOL sucks, and has an arrogant attitude of "we're not hackable".

- > *Occasionally, the person amuses himself by making it read 0 bps. What can*
- > *I do*
- > *about this?*

The person? Huh?

First off, if you're thinking you're hacked, get antivirus and clean your system out, preferrably at the DOS prompt, i.e. using an antivirus software that can boot your system off the cd and clean your system without your OS being up and running.

Then install a firewall, or get a hardware firewall (router or firewall-router) and see what happens next. However, if they're changing

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the # you dial up into, that could be AOL doing that, since their software does periodically check the local access numbers list and find a closer, "better" number to dial...

- > *If my telephone call is actually being re-directed, isn't*
- > *that a felony which should interest the law enforcement community?!*

Uh, you can always ask the law enforcement people. However, I don't know if the cops in your area will take you seriously, or if they'll just laugh at you. I'd call your ISP and tell them what's going on. However, if it's AOL, don't be surprised if you get a "AOL is unhackable" parrot.

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- > *Also: does anyone know the exact link to the pest patrol site which*
- > *provides the small download and online scan, instead of the complete*
- > *download and offline scan?*

I wouldn't trust online scans: you need to get good antivirus and firewall. I know you're just trying to find the easiest, painless approach to fixing this, but sometimes it's not possible.

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- > *Thanks a million!*

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Chapter 1

The story so far:

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move.