

## Re: Someone storing their MP3s on my hard drive???

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On Fri, 25 Apr 2003 13:51:18 GMT, Jem Berkes <[jb@users.pc9.org](mailto:jb@users.pc9.org)> wrote:

>Don't bother trying to find out how someone got in. They either guessed a  
>password and logged in over the internet, or exploited some out of date  
>software running on your computer, or took advantage of a virus/trojan  
>already on your system, etc, etc. **WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW:**  
>  
>\* disconnect the computer from the Internet  
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>\* back up any important data you want to keep  
>  
>\* re-install the OS, all apps from scratch (wipe out original HD)  
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>\* after re-install run Windows Update repeatedly until you are completely  
>up to date. Install any service packs your OS needs.  
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>\* install a firewall; try to avoid software firewalls if possible. An old  
>computer can be configured as a firewall using linux or you can buy a  
>dedicated hardware firewall.  
>  
>\* after you have a working firewall, then connect your machine to the net  
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>Jem Berkes  
><http://www.pc-tools.net/>  
>Windows, Linux & UNIX software  
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If I may add, that prevents the problem recurring but does not address the issue of compromised information on the PC.

The OP is going to have to assume that all their passwords / credit card information / any other personal information on there are all known to the attacker and the attacker's friends.