

Re: Spyware which tracks keystrokes?

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On 23 Mar 2004 08:26:18 -0800, pasirochma@hotmail.com (dulcie) wrote:

>Have just read an unnerving article about something called 'EBlaster'
>which is sold at <http://www.spectorsoft.com/> this program can be
>loaded onto your computer and can track all your keystrokes: all
your
>emails from any email address, incoming and outgoing + send a copy of
>it all to another person. Presumably that would include passwords
>too! Someone would have to get this software onto your machine in
the
>first place, but that's not difficult if they have physical access to
>it - and (apparently) it's undetectable - if you look in your
>files/programs list you won't find it. does anyone know how you
might
>(a) prevent this being put on the first place, and (b) detect it if
>it's already there? I've now been totally put off setting up an
>internet bank account!
>
>Thanks.
>Dulcie

Keyloggers are a dime a dozen. They are extremely easy to write. SpectorSoft's is one of two dozen I can name right off the top of my head, and there are many more that I cannot or don't even know about. They are even found in many trojans and worms.

Preventive: Do not use Internet Explorer or Outlook, and block them from connecting to the Internet with a firewall. IE Both are extremely bug-ridden, and, more importantly, are common vehicles to allow applications to connect to the net. Since all Windows machines ship with them installed, and the vast majority of Windows users use them and give them blanket permission through their firewall, they are an ideal choice for any kind of malware to gain access through the firewall. Use IE solely for Windows Updates, and add *.windowsupdate.microsoft.com and *.windowsupdate.com to your Trusted Sites zone, and set your Internet Zone to the Highest security.

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Also, be careful about what email you open even if you do use another email program. Never open an email from somebody you don't know, period, finish. Even email that IS from somebody you know, do not open if it has an attachment unless you've made prior arrangements with the sender and you are expectin