

Re: Swen and Earthlink

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Might I point out another aspect to this issue if I may. Keep in mind that I'm anything but an expert on these matters please :-)))

Virus protection and where that is accomplished is only one factor in a virus problem like Swen. Take my situation as a prime example if you will. I have a simple dial up with Earthlink for my e-mail. I also have a competent anti virus program running with all updates installed as they come in daily, as well as a fully updated XP home edition with all service packs and updates installed.

My system is clean of the virus. My problem is not related to the virus infecting my system at all. My problem is directly related to the 500 POTENTIAL virus e-mails that are appearing hourly on Earthlink's mail server. If it weren't for the Mailwasher program I'm using (thank God for it!!! :-), every time I went to the server to download my mail, I would have to sit and wait for every one of the Swen messages to get down into my inbox before I could have message rules and/or OE deal with them in any way. Contrary to what others are saying, message rules to delete from the server are not working for me. The messages are so plentiful and repetitive, that the server mailbox refills faster than a message rule can handle them.

The issue for people like myself is directly related to our ISP's dealing with it by filtering their servers. I can do nothing on my end at all, other than what I'm already doing by using Mailwasher. I simply check the server once an hour and delete everything but what I know is ok.

In the final analysis, aside from the obvious "don't open the damn things" and "Microsoft doesn't send these things out", all people like myself can do is wait it out and hope our ISP's will deal with the filtering necessary to clean up their servers.

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