

Re: New Virus?

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> <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
> news:010a01c3973f\$6b333e00\$a601280a@phx.gbl...
>
> *Hi JB:*
>
> *Well,I downloaded both tools and cleared off a couple of*
> *data miners, restarted and I'm still being re-directed to*
> *the bogus Microsoft site! It actually blocks the link to*
> *the Security patch download link on the MS Homepage too....*
>
> *My IT guys are baffled...they can't find anything either.*
> *This is quite bizarre! This is the error message I get...*
>
> *Error: The website you are looking for does not appear to*
> *be located on this server.*
>
> *It is our understanding that your computer may require one*
> *of the new security patches from Microsoft.Com. Please*
> *download it from the following address:*
> *<http://www.windowsupdate.com>*
>
> *After you have updated your windows security at*
> *Microsoft's Windows Update (The Link Above) the address*
> *you have typed in should take you to where you expected to*
> *go.*
>
> *Have you ever seen this before??*
>
> *Many thanks,*
> *Donna*
> *Thankyou.*

Again, my guess is infection by the QHosts Trojan.

Scan your computer with updated antivirus software, or more specifically a QHosts removal tool, such as the one provided by Symantec.

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As for the link for WindowsUpdate, Microsoft did used to own that address but it was taken down due to automated attack by virus infected machines.

The real Windows Update website address is as follows:

<http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com>

The Qhosts trojan can infect your computer if it is missing the latest cumulative patch for Internet Explorer (not the bogus one being emailed, but the real one you get from MS).

Good luck!

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Checked by AVG anti-virus system (<http://www.grisoft.com>).

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