

## W32.SwenA.mm + MS patch flaw by design?

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Good Morning All;

Thanks for the clues, after researching snopes, as well as a Microsoft Knowledge Base Article – 263080 (<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;263080>) AND (<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;EN-US;263073>), it is now apparent that I was struck by the the Swen-A variant as outlined in <http://www.snopes.com/computer/virus/patch.asp#add> and was suckered into the real looking MS e-mail message. Yea, yea, I know MS warns of these types of emails, but I had been on the computer for about 10 hours and had my Outlook Preview Pane set, however, I have been hit almost daily by Swen's other simpler one-liners, which I delete immediatly. I have run the Norton 2004 Swen removal tool, as well as constantly updating my machine with the latest MS upgrades. I have also followed the pre-removal steps (reluctantly because you are required to turn off System Restore), hid file extensions, when running the removal tool both as an exe, and from the command prompt.

I have kept Norton 2004 updated with the latest virus definitions and it always comes back that I am virus free!! At this point I am probably either going to 1) throw the computer out the window and become a bounty hunter for virus developers, or 2) try once again to run the Swen-A removal tool from the cmd prompt or 3) seek professional help (with a computer technician that is...).

I guess what bothers me the most is that there does not appear to be any updates from MS that are reasonable and/or available for MS Outlook 2002-SP3, and previous updates state that "This behavior is by design with the Microsoft Outlook E-mail Security Update". The 326585 OFF2000: Overview of the Office 2000 SP3 article does not appear to be feaseable as well, BUT, I will check with my Earthlink administrator to see if thay can control specific features that are included with the update, run Outlook in a Microsoft Exchange Server environment and

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have my e-mail messages delivered to a server-based mailbox, However, if my mail is currently delivered to a Personal Folders file (.pst), and I use MS Outlook for much more than just a mail system (Calendar, Tasks, Journal, NetMeetings, Contacts, Notes, etc...), so I am doubtful that they can