

Re: A 6% fix from Microsoft Security Bulletin MS03-040 – 828750

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Me2 wrote:

- > *Rob,*
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- > *I don't know about "attempts to use" when Trojan.Qhosts actually DOES*
- > *use something. The infection is not nice...*

"Attempts to use" was meant in the sense that it would fail once the patch is applied. Nothing more. Apologies for any confusion or if you felt I wasn't taking this seriously.

- > *Rhetorical questions: Why doesn't Microsoft post information about*
- > *current Trojans/viruses/worms like Trojan.Qhosts??? Does it take*
- > *hundreds of thousands or millions of infections to warrant a note???*
- > *Is thousands (or tens of thousands) not merely enough???* *The*
- > *www.microsoft.com/security page "Technical Virus Alerts" lists a*
- > *massive 26 entries from Nov 26 2001 (badtrans) through Sep 18 2003*
- > *(swen). Does the Trojan.Qhosts warrant a fix (ms03-040) but not an*
- > *entry on this list?*

Good question. Even with the purchase of RAV, Microsoft obviously don't see themselves currently as in the antivirus business. There are several viruses and the like "discovered" daily.. yes every day, and even those companies that are in the antivirus business don't make a big song and dance about any except those they think are going to be a serious problem.

Leaving aside QHosts specifically for the moment, and asking a general question of my own, if I may. If Microsoft and the antivirus companies made as big a fuss about even the trivial stuff as they do about the serious stuff, do you think that would heighten awareness? Or would it be more likely to confuse people and cause them to "switch off" and not listen to the warnings?

I suspect there isn't a single "right" answer to that question.

Regards,

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