

microsoft.public.windowsxp.security_admin: Re: multiple partitions are safer in virus infection?

Re: multiple partitions are safer in virus infection?

Source:

http://www.derkeiler.com/Newsgroups/microsoft.public.windowsxp.security_admin/2005-09/1367.html

From: Steven L Umbach (n9rou_at_n0-spam-for-me-comcast.net)

Date: 09/28/05

Date: Tue, 27 Sep 2005 19:03:34 -0500

It depends. If you are logged on as an administrator and all drives have default permissions that allow administrators full control then you are very vulnerable when a malware is installed. Some malware can obtain system access even if you are not logged on as an administrator though keeping current with critical security updates at Windows Updates can minimize that risk particularly if you are using XP SP2. If the malware is installed when a non administrator is logged on and the other drives do not have permissions to those drives for that user then you are less likely to have those drives infected or modified – at least right away. I do like using multiple partitions because it can make the computer easier to recover from a problem than if you have one large partition. I keep a Ghost image of my operating system and core applications on a partition separate from the system partition and on a DVD disk. I can reinstall my operating system and core applications in less than five minutes. --- Steve

<strutsng@gmail.com> wrote in message
news:1127851648.398509.77470@g44g2000cwa.googlegroups.com...

- > *In terms of virus infection, having multiple partitions*
- > *are safer than single partition?*
- >
- > *For example, if the machine has drive C, D, and E.*
- > *Drive C is the windows operating system, and drive D and E are*
- > *data files drives. If drive C is infected, will it infect*
- > *drive D and E also?*
- >
- > *Please advise. thanks!!*
- >