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6/23/04 - Protect Your Desktop From Dangerous Spam

If you are like us, you have noticed that the volume of Spam and unwanted E-mail has ballooned over the past couple of months. We are not alone. At some Internet Service Providers (ISPs), junk E-mail messages are more than 75 percent of all e-mail. In the past, junk e-mail was just irritating. Today, however, Spam may contain viruses that can damage your computer.

Your first line of defense is antivirus software on every desktop. Antivirus software looks for "signatures" of known culprits, so it's important to keep it updated. The second line should be to have your web site's hosting service eliminate Spam at the e-mail server before it is downloaded into your PC. In this case, the server filters incoming mail and marks the messages that it considers Spam. These messages are left on the server and not downloaded. Even though viruses are not directly checked for, most viral emails are detected as Spam and they will be marked and blocked as well.

If you are already using a Spam filter on your PC, you will still benefit by eliminating viruses that your PC checker may not be able to identify and by lessening the possibility of the PC locking-up under the Spam assault. If you use server level e-mail programs such as our Webmail there's the added benefit of lessening the time that you now spend sorting through junk mail.

In InfoWorld's test of server-based Spam killers, SpamAssassin, the platform for our Spam killer, removed Spam with 93 percent accuracy. Since there is always the possibility of a legitimate message being discarded, the marked messages are placed in your trash mailbox. The messages are stored for several weeks so you have time to review them before they are deleted.

Be one of the savvy businesses who protect themselves against Spam and associated viruses. Please contact us, if you would like more information.

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