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Subject: Re: TROJAN !!!

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What I mean is this: for a virus to communicate with your PC (IE infect) there needs to be either a listening or a connecting socket. A connecting socket is what we usually use to open web pages and such. Its hard to infect through unless theres an exploit in the program using the connecting socket.

The real vulnerability lies in listening sockets. Those accept connections from other PC's. Most of the automatically spreading virusses go through these and the specifically 2 windows components.

One is windows DNS server (which somehow is on by default, but is easily secured by your routers firewall), and the other is RPC (which needs to be on, but can also be secured by your routers firewall).

Funny thing is that all those software firewalls don't protect these 2 services properly because they can't properly block the socket acceptance.

The real problem with a PC is like someone else already pointed out the user behind it. Don't open suspicious executables, or other files, block ActiveX if your use IE, and if you use any other browser make sure you stay up to date. Oh and the occasional virus scan is nice too.

-Ghost-

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