Malware

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Malware Topics

◻ What is malware?

◻ What does it look like?

◻ How can you stop it?

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Types of Malware

- 7 types:
  - Viruses
  - Worms
  - Trojans
  - Spyware
  - Adware
  - Ransomware

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Types of Malware

- Virus
  - Attaches itself to existing files and runs the virus code whenever the host file is accessed/run

- Worm
  - A standalone program that deliberately tries to exploit vulnerabilities in order to spread copies of itself to more machines

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Types of Malware

- Trojans
  - A malware program used to infect a computer by misleading users of it's true intent
  - Usually used to gain access to sensitive information

- Spyware
  - Software that hides on your computer in order to 'spy' on you. Possibly monitor keystrokes, record websites, etc.

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Types of Malware

- Adware
  - Similar to spyware but designed to redirect you to certain websites (advertising) or display popups

- Ransomware
  - Installed covertly on a computer and locks/encrypts user data making it unavailable
  - Demands a ransom payment to restore access

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What do they do?

◻ Copy themselves into other files

◻ Execute various 'payloads'

◻ Delete files

◻ Do something on a particular day
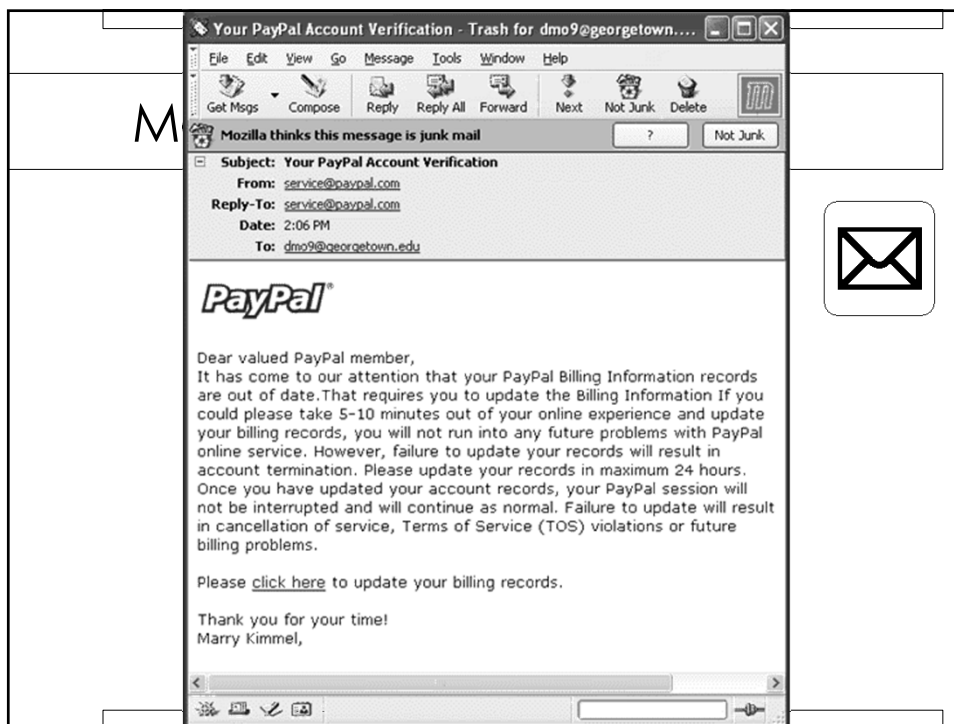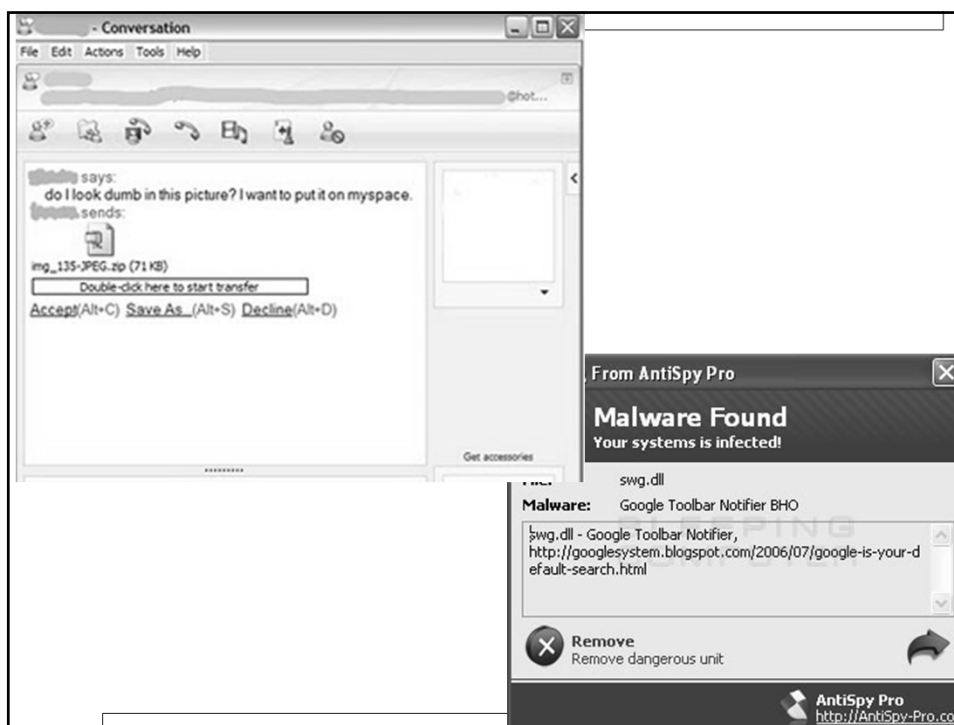
◻ Spread themselves (worm, or email virus)

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Prevent Malware

◻ How can you catch one?
  ◻ Which way?
    ◻ USB Drive
    ◻ Downloaded from Internet
    ◻ From network (school or work)
    ◻ In an email
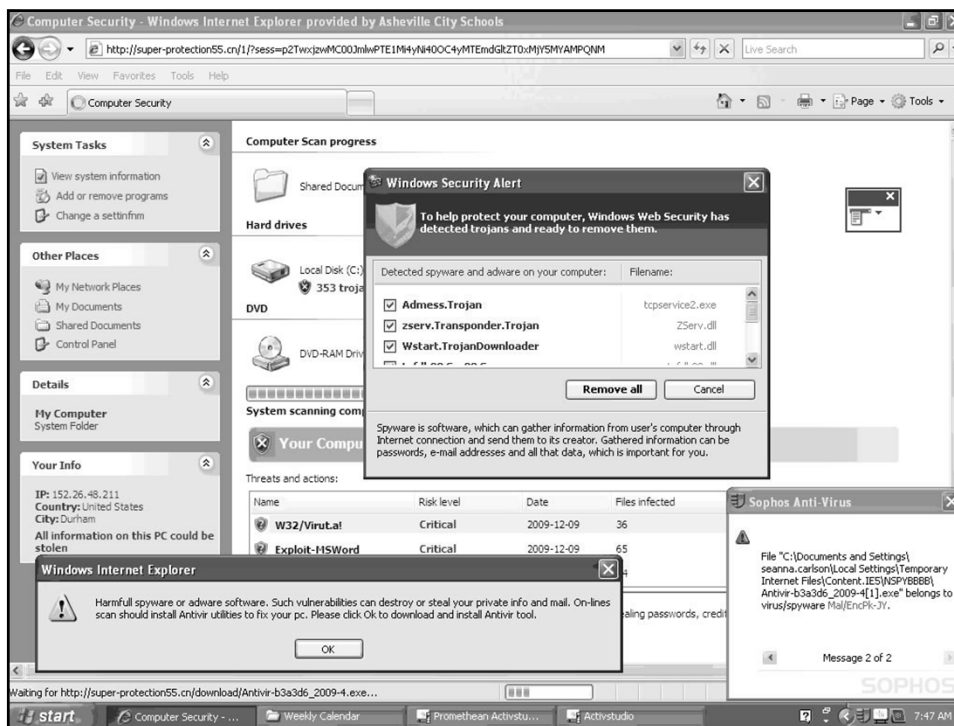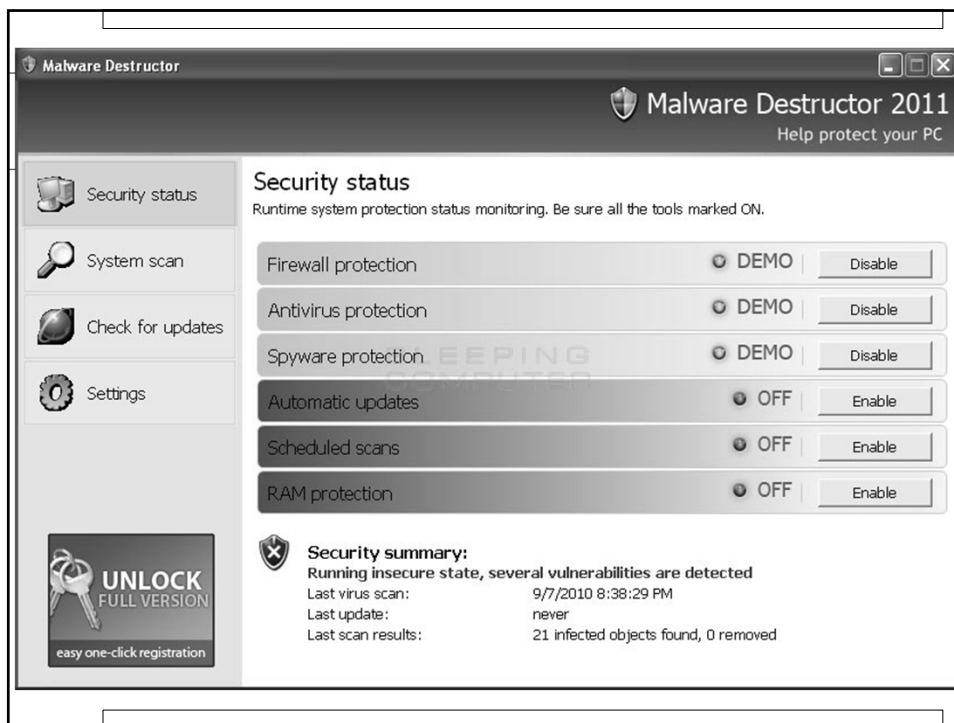   ◻ In an instant message

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Prevent Malware

- ❑ Avoid downloading every little installer
  - ❑ Consider what you are installing

- ❑ Avoid programs downloaded via P2P networks (**torrents**, etc)

- ❑ Install anti-virus, such as AVG or Avast

- ❑ Install anti-malware software such as MalwareBytes or Spybot

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