

GameOver Zeus botnet seized; Two week window to Protect yourself, say authorities

At the beginning of June the FBI shut down a network of criminally operated computers that were stealing financial information from victims' machines. If your machine does not use Windows this does not affect you. However they predict that this network will regroup and that the UK is a known target.

The FBI has said that the criminals used "phishing" and other bogus emails to install GameOver Zeus on victims' computers which look like official bank emails but instead direct you to download the malware.

The UK's National Crime Agency has said that you have two weeks from the beginning of June to protect yourself from this worldwide cyber threat. It was estimated that around 15,000 UK computers were already infected. We were advised that Internet Service Providers would contact those in the UK already affected.

What should you do?

- Ensure that you have antivirus software successfully installed.
- Ensure that this software is up-to-date.
- Ensure that your anti-virus continually updates itself
- Run a full Scan of your system
- Also install Malware Bytes (free download is available from CNET)
- Run a full Malware Bytes scan of your system
- Install a firewall eg Zone Alarm
- Do not open suspicious emails
- Update your passwords
- Consult <http://www.GetSafeOnline.org> for further advice on how to run a sweep of your system. This government website can be accessed by consulting the comprehensive Security Links website on the Sevenoaks U3A website.

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