

A Sermon on Trojans

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for March 17th, 2024 (and beyond)

This sermon is on detecting malware your anti-malware software, whether part of your operating system or any anti-malware application, may overlook though obvious. I recently discovered Trojan executables in my saved documents from 2008 that have otherwise not been dealt with nor identified by McAfee, Norton, Malwarebytes, nor Windows Security. I found them while running a search of my external back-up hard drive for saved documents that are on a specific subject. How did I know those files were Trojans?

I thought something was off with the file names. The file names contain a # which Windows doesn't allow as it is part of the programming language and is incompatible as it can cause issues with the operating system. So, the file name itself was off. But, no anti-malware detected nor resolved it. The author attributed to the files was not me and no one else uses my computer. Other files showed me as the author. I permanently and correctly deleted those unauthorized files without opening them. Trojans mask themselves as normal files such as .doc at times. You may have one on yours and not even know it because all scans come back clean or most and when not it seems the anti-malware applications handle it.

So, you may want to check your computer or other storage devices yourself for any filenames that contain invalid characters and remove them yourself as I have done. Invalid characters are characters found on your keyboard that are used in the programming language of your operating system and include #,/,%,\, and * among others. If you've ever tried to name and save a file containing an invalid character in the file name and weren't allowed, that's why. It is also why finding any files with those characters in the file name or folder name along with an author that is not someone authorized to use your device are ways to detect a trojan that may otherwise be missed by your security systems and programs.

Beyond the above, the mercury in fish thing was an issue in Michigan because of a toxic spill in their local waters and does not apply nor should it be assumed to be an issue in fish in general. It is still inadvisable to eat fish from the Great Lakes as the water is still toxic. Source:

https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/mercury_still_a_danger_in_the_great_lakes_hintzen15

Fish from other bodies of water are not the issue and Marvin Gaye lived in Michigan. You can call this paragraph a non-sequitur and I'd understand. Fish is good for you and safe to eat unless contaminated. If contaminated, there would be a recall issued and public advisory on the specific food or product creating a public health risk. However, if no one knows there's a problem because it looks as it should and tastes fine, the issue could still be botulism and would be identified and recalled upon discovery. Still find it to be non-sequitur?

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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 KJV

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TORTURE_CASES_#201-405 Properties

General Security Details Previous Versions

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