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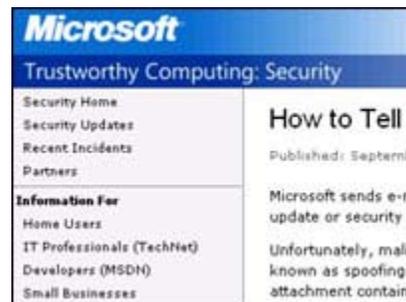
Dear David,

It is important for me to keep you apprised of information that is crucial to performing business online in a safe and productive manner. So, I have created this newsletter, that I will publish occasionally, to inform you of issues that I feel are important in your day to day dealings on the internet.

Fake Microsoft Windows update circulating

A bogus e-mail campaign, designed to lure people to a fake Microsoft Web site, is making the rounds as part of an attempt to install a Trojan horse.

Circulating as an e-mail the fake message points people at a bogus website that claims to host critical security updates. But anyone downloading from the site will get a virus installed that opens a backdoor into their computer the program's creators can exploit.



Security firms and Microsoft urged users to ensure they visit legitimate sites when downloading updates. Microsoft said it only sent e-mails about security updates and incidents to those that have explicitly asked to be sent them. Also it said it never sends out information about security problems before its website has been updated with information about problems.

This means that if users cannot find information about security problems mentioned in an e-mail on the Microsoft site, they should be suspicious of the message. Microsoft also urged users to type in the name of the website they are trying to reach rather than use a hyperlink as these can hide spoof websites.

STAYING SAFE ONLINE

- Install anti-virus software

- Keep your anti-virus software up to date
- Install a personal firewall
- Use Windows updates to patch security holes
- Do not open e-mail messages that look suspicious
- Do not click on e-mail attachments you were not expecting

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Remember, it's good practice to always think before you click when there's any question in your mind about an e-mail. Safe is always preferable to sorry. *We at Heavrin-Brown Consultants are here to answer any questions you might have... no matter how large or small. **YOU** are the reason we are here.*

All the best,



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