Computer & Network Security

Lecture 7-2

Computers & Society (CPSC 430)

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Malware: Evil Code that can Run on Your Computer

Viruses

- What is a virus?
- Have you ever (knowingly) gotten one?

Worms

- What is a worm? How is it different from a virus?
- Is it wrong to distribute a virus or worm that doesn't harm anyone?

Trojan Horses

- What is a Trojan horse? How is it different from the first two?
- Do the victims of a virus/worm/Trojan horse share responsibility for being attacked if their system is not up to date?

Malware II: More Evil Code

Spyware/Adware

- What is spyware? What is adware?
- Is it ever moral to install spyware/adware on a user's computer without their consent?

Bios-based Spyware

– How many of you know what this is?

Drive-by Downloads

- What is a drive-by download?
- What do you think the best defenses are against them?

General-purpose Defensive Measures

- security patches
- anti-malware tools
- firewalls
- Anything else?