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Computer Viruses - the basics

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Summary:
This article is intended for the new or casual computer user who wants to know about man made

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Article Body:
In its simplest terms a virus is a disruptive computer code period!
 A computer virus almost always repeats itself and spreads by attaching itself to other files.

  It can even be made to open at a certain date, sitting like a timebomb until it's time arriv
  I do not want go into all the different types of viruses here because there are so many and
  However, since so many viruses came from unknowingly opening e-mails I would like to mention

  Never open e-mail attachments unless you know for sure who it's from and that it's safe.
Some mail programs will even ask if you trust the attachment and if you´re sure this you want
  The danger is that when the attachment is opened the virus can attach itself to your hard dr

   Many people like to download music, video, games or other programs from different sites. I
The better sites that offer downloads will test and scan all there software programs before go

  This may sound scary to some but the fact is in this world anyone who owns a computer will h
  That said there are some things should do to prevent viruses from attacking your computer:

* Download the latest virus definition lists (files that tell your computer what to scan for)

* Check to see if your internet service provider has tools to stop viruses before they can rea

* Always back-up your computer on CD-R disks or other media in case you loose some or all your

* You can scan software for viruses before installing it. (See system manual for procedure)

* Set your security settings at the highest level.

* Check your web browser and e-mail settings.

 Doing these things at least every week will help keep your computer up to date on Virus prote