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Computer Tips & Tricks for the novice to the advanced.

Smart Phone Security

While it is not yet overly common, yes it is possible for your smart phone to be infected with viruses, Trojans and other malware, and it is happening.

Smart Phones – irrespective of their operating system are starting to fall victim to viruses and malware.

It doesn't matter if your phone is an iPhone, hTC, Nokia, Blackberry or which operating system it uses be it Mac OS, Android, Windows Mobile, Symbian or BlackBerry OS, all are susceptible to a breach in security and this is the latest battleground that is drawing the attention of the bug makers. The situation is potentially more serious than simply infecting your smart phone because once infected, the device has the potential to pass it onto other devices (or worse) the office network – when you next plug into your workstation.

Luckily, these bugs are also drawing the attention of the security defence software companies.

Years ago (before broadband) we may have been lax about whether we used anti-virus and security protection software or not. If a bug was going to get into your computer it could only have been on a floppy disk, a CD or maybe dialup. Nowadays, our computers are far more “connected”. We all enjoy the rich benefits of the internet 24/7 and we wouldn't dream of not having antivirus software on our computers. Unfortunately this is the way smart phones are heading.

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