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Hello CNRE,

The time of "I don't have to worry about viruses" is over for Mac OS X users! Apple has released an official advisory about some malware that is making its rounds on OS X. Please see the following diary entry link for more details.

<http://isc.sans.org/diary/Apple+advisory+on+MacDefender+malware/10918>

Also, another form of an OS X exploit has been found on multiple Macs right here on campus. The head of VT's IT Security Office, Randy Marchany, sent out an advisory just last night (see below). If you aren't running Symantec Antivirus on your Mac then you should go to www.antivirus.vt.edu and download the latest version ASAP. Also, you should pay attention to the updates that I send out about the Mac versions of software like Adobe products (Acrobat, Reader, Flash), Java, and Mozilla Firefox. Last but not least you should probably change your "Software Update" schedule from Weekly to Daily and enable the "Download updates automatically" option in the Software Update System Preference.

*** Randy's Advisory E-Mail ***

We've confirmed Mac exploit on campus..

The IT Security Office has noted several cases of the Eleonore Exploit Kit on campus. This particular crimeware kit specifically targets and infects Mac OS X machines. Given this infection being present on campus it is highly advisable to make certain all antivirus definitions, software, and operating system updates have been performed.

More information on this virus can be found here: <http://krebsonsecurity.com/2010/05/revisiting-the-eleonore-exploit-kit/>

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Thanks and as always please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you have any questions or problems.
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