

# Spyware vs. Spyware

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# In this talk

- Here is a thing
- Why the thing matters
- How to think about the thing
- What to do about the thing

Here is a thing



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# Silent Mac update nukes dangerous webserver installed by Zoom

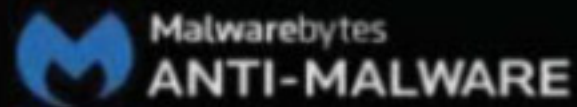
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SCAN



SETTINGS



HISTORY

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Quarantine

Application Logs



## Quarantine

These threats have been quarantined by your Malwarebytes Anti-Malware. They do not pose a threat when quarantined. You may restore or delete these threats. Threats deleted from quarantine will be permanently removed from your computer.

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Restore

Malwarebytes Anti-Malware

Non-Malware Detected

Malwarebytes has blocked a potentially unwanted program.

Vendor: PUP.Optional.SpyHunter

Path: C:\Program Files\Enig...Hunter\SpyHunter4.exe

# Teq's wowhacks: debug console

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RDEN: PREVENTED Scan at: 0x01309A3E (5 bytes) with Patch at 0x01309A3E
RDEN: Scan at: 0x1882B542 (4 bytes)
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RDEN: Scan at: 0x0346B1F0 (12 bytes)
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RDEN: Scan at: 0x0346B1F0 (17 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x1882B566 (7 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x0346B1F0 (7 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x1882B56E (0 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x0346B1F0 (0 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x0C2CF0F0 (4 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x00EBB1EB (7 bytes)
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RDEN: Scan at: 0x0C2CF0F0 (4 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x0131E56E (9 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x0C2CF0F0 (4 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x0157D138 (4 bytes)
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RDEN: Scan at: 0x0C2CF0F0 (4 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x0108043C (5 bytes)
RDEN: Scan at: 0x0C2CF114 (7 bytes)

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OK



# Chimera

# Your device, your way.

All devices, iOS 12 — 12.2

Download Chimera 1.2.7  
iOS 12 — 12.2

Download ChimeraTV 1.2.6  
tvOS 12 — 12.2

Note: A7 - A11 devices only supported on 12.1.3 - 12.2. All devices supported on 12.0 - 12.1.2

Note: Some 12.3 betas are compatible with Chimera. (Beta 6 is not compatible)



# Mozilla Security Blog

## Қазақстандағы пайдаланушыларымызды қорғау

Маусым айында Firefox пайдаланушысы Mozilla ұйымына Қазақстандағы Firefox пайдаланушыларына әсер етіп жатқан қауіпсіздік мәселесі туралы хабарлады: Оның мәлімдеуінше, Қазақстандағы интернет провайдерлері (ISP) тұтынушыларына үкімет берген түбір сертификатты өз құрылғыларына орнату керектігін айта бастады. Интернет провайдерлері өз тұтынушыларына сертификат желілік байланысқа араласу үшін пайдаланылатындығы туралы айтпады. Басқа пайдаланушылар мен [зерттеушілер бұл жағдайды растады](#) және [оның отыз танымал әлеуметтік желі мен байланыс сайтына ықпалы тиді](#).

Firefox және басқа браузерлердегі HTTPS шифрланған байланыстарының қауіпсіздігі мен құпиялығы бойынша сенімді сертификаттау органдары (CO) домен немесе веб-сайт бақылаушыларға веб-сайт сертификаттарының иелігі мен сенімділіктерін анықтауға





Why the thing matters

# Relevant laws

- Unauthorized use
- Breach of contract
- Copyright infringement
- Defamation
- Antitrust
- Deceptive trade practices
- &c.

Program A — Program B

Program



User

Program A

Program B



User



How to think about the thing

# Three heuristics

- Bad Programs Are Bad
- Freedom to Tinker
- Click to Agree

# Theory 1: Bad Programs are Bad



Norris Hall 1977







## Ooops, your files have been encrypted!

English



### Payment will be raised on

5/16/2017 00:47:55

Time Left

02:23:57:37

### Your files will be lost on

5/20/2017 00:47:55

Time Left

06:23:57:37

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### What Happened to My Computer?

Your important files are encrypted.

Many of your documents, photos, videos, databases and other files are no longer accessible because they have been encrypted. Maybe you are busy looking for a way to recover your files, but do not waste your time. Nobody can recover your files without our decryption service.

### Can I Recover My Files?

Sure. We guarantee that you can recover all your files safely and easily. But you have not so enough time.

You can decrypt some of your files for free. Try now by clicking <Decrypt>.

But if you want to decrypt all your files, you need to pay.

You only have 3 days to submit the payment. After that the price will be doubled. Also, if you don't pay in 7 days, you won't be able to recover your files forever.

We will have free events for users who are so poor that they couldn't pay in 6 months.

### How Do I Pay?

Payment is accepted in Bitcoin only. For more information, click <About bitcoin>.

Please check the current price of Bitcoin and buy some bitcoins. For more information, click <How to buy bitcoins>.

And send the correct amount to the address specified in this window.

After your payment, click <Check Payment>. Best time to check: 9:00am - 11:00am

GMT from Monday to Friday



Send \$300 worth of bitcoin to this address:

12t9YDPgwueZ9NyMgw519p7AA8isjr6SMw

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[Check Payment](#)[Decrypt](#)



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## COMPUTER MAY BE AT RISK:

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### Emergency Tech Support call immediately

system may have found (2) viruses that pose a serious threat

**Rootkit.Sirefef.Spy ./ Trojan.FakeAV-Download**

Your personal and financial information  
**may not be secured.**

**Call us now for support**  
**855-486-1800**

TECH SUPPORT

Your desktop is being remote controlled by [redacted]

Powered by LogMeIn

9:22 AM Connecting...

9:22 AM Connected. A support representative will be with you shortly.

9:23 AM Support session established with [redacted]

9:23 AM [redacted] restarting application as Windows system service

9:23 AM Connecting...

9:23 AM Connected. A support representative will be with you shortly.

9:23 AM Connection closed. Attempting reconnection...

9:23 AM Application running as Windows system service

9:23 AM Support session established with [redacted]

9:23 AM You have granted full permission to [redacted]. To revoke, click the red X on the toolbar or press Pause/Break on the keyboard.

9:23 AM Remote Control started by [redacted].

Type here and press Enter to send



## Switchfoot

Nothing Is Sound



MUSIC



Lonely Nation	03:45
Stars	04:20
Happy Is A Yuppie Word	04:51
The Shadow Proves The Sunshine	05:04
Easier Than Love	04:29
The Blues	05:17
The Setting Sun	04:24
Politicians	03:28
Golden	03:36
The Fatal Wound	02:44
We Are One Tonight	04:42



Lonely Nation

00:00

## CONSUMER ALERT

Please disregard this message if you have already updated the XCP software on this computer.

This CD contains XCP content protection technology. Installing XCP software on your computer may make it vulnerable to certain computer viruses. Click here for a security update to eliminate this vulnerability and for more information about XCP software.

A close-up, low-angle shot of a man in a dark military uniform. He is wearing a peaked cap with a silver skull and crossbones emblem. He has a slight, questioning smile on his face and is looking off-camera to the left. The background is dark and out of focus, with some faint light sources visible. The overall tone is serious but with a hint of uncertainty.

*Are we the baddies?*



# Theory 2: Freedom to Tinker





Level-3 Hardware Acceleration

# WinX DVD Ripper Platinum

5 Minutes Only! Digitize Any DVDs with Intact Videos



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TV Series



99-title DVDs



Old DVDs

32x  
Real-time speed

Smart Scan

Cleanup

- System Junk
- Mail Attachments
- Trash Bins

Protection

- Malware Removal
- Privacy

Speed

- Optimization
- Maintenance

Applications

- Uninstaller
- Updater
- Extensions

Files

- Space Lens
- Large & Old Files
- Shredder



# Welcome to CleanMyMac X

Start with a nice and thorough scan of your Mac.

Scan



FileEditViewStartDebugUnittestMultiprojectProjectRefactoringExtrasSettingsWindowBookmarksPluginsHelp

Project-Viewer

Multiproject-Viewer

Template-Viewer

File-Browser

Symbols

eric5.py

...csPlugins/vcsMercurial/HgStatusDialog.py

Channels

Network

Cooperation

DataViews

DebugClients

Debugger

DocumentationTools

E5Graphics

E5Gui

E5Network

E5XML

Examples

Globals

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Helpviewer

IconEditor

MultiProject

Network

PluginManager

Plugins

PluginTabnanny.py

PluginVcsMercurial.py

PluginVcsPySvn.py

PluginVcsSubversion.py

PluginVmListspace.py

PluginVmTabview.py

PluginWizardE5MessageBox.py

PluginWizardPyRegExp.py

PluginWizardQColorDialog.py

PluginWizardQFileDialog.py

PluginWizardQFontDialog.py

PluginWizardQInputDialog.py

PluginWizardQMessageBox.py

PluginWizardQRegExp.py

PluginWizardQRegularExpression.py

Preferences

Project

PyUnit

QScintilla

Snapshot

SqlBrowser

Tasks

Templates

ThirdParty

Attributes

\_\_init\_\_(self, ui)

\_\_editorClosed(self, editor)

\_\_editorOpened(self, editor)

\_\_editorShowMenu(self, menuName, menu)

\_\_editorSyntaxCheck(self)

initialize(self)

\_\_projectBrowserShowMenu(self, menuName, menu)

\_\_projectBrowserSyntaxCheck(self)

\_\_projectShowMenu(self, menuName, menu)

\_\_projectSyntaxCheck(self)

activate(self)

deactivate(self)

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self.\_\_restoreMissing()

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## Context menu handling methods

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def \_\_showContextMenu(self, coord):

"""

Protected slot to show the context menu of the status list.

@param coord the position of the mouse pointer (QPoint)

"""

# TODO: set status of menu entries according to their conditions

if self.vcs.isExtensionActive("largefiles"):

enable = len(self.\_\_getUnversionedItems()) > 0

else:

enable = False

for act in self.lfActions:

act.setEnabled(enable)

self.menu.popup(self.mapToGlobal(coord))

def \_\_showAddMenu(self):

"""

Plugins/PluginSyntaxChecker.py

SyntaxCheckerPlugin

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error = ""

class SyntaxCheckerPlugin(QObject):

"""

Class implementing the Syntax Checker plugin.

"""

def \_\_init\_\_(self, ui):

"""

Constructor

@param ui reference to the user interface object (UI.UserInterface)

"""

super().\_\_init\_\_(ui)

self.\_\_ui = ui

self.\_\_initialize()

def \_\_initialize(self):

"""

Private slot to (re)initialize the plugin.

"""

self.\_\_projectAct = None

self.\_\_projectSyntaxCheckerDialog = None

Summary

Filename

TODO: add support for hg summary --mq

Plugins/VcsPlugins/vcsMercurial/QueuesExtensions.py

TODO: release - reenable redirection

UI/UserInterface.py

TODO: set status of menu entries according to their conditions

Plugins/VcsPlugins/vcsMercurial/HgStatusDialog.py

Shell

Task-Viewer

Log-Viewer

Numbers

Time Tracker

Arfrever

ChanServ

detlev

[13:09] [-->] You have joined the channel #eric-ide (~detlev@2a02:3100:1601:3e00:d08:3175:dee2:be10).

[13:09] [\*\*\*] Channel modes: no colors allowed, no messages from outside, topic protection.

[13:09] [\*\*\*] This channel was created on 2012-11-15 18:36.

[13:09] [\*\*\*] Channel URL: <http://eric-ide.python-projects.org>

Enter a message, send by pressing Return or Enter

#eric-ide (5)

where we get

[13:09] [MOTD] - together with like-minded FOSS enthusiasts for talks and

[13:09] [MOTD] - real-life collaboration, if you're more keen on the outdoors why

[13:09] [MOTD] - not attend or arrange a local geeknic (<http://www.geeknic.org>).

[13:09] [MOTD] -

[13:09] [MOTD] - We would like to thank Private Internet Access

[13:09] [MOTD] - (<https://www.privateinternetaccess.com/>) and the other

[13:09] [MOTD] - organisations that help keep freenode and our other projects

[13:09] [MOTD] - running for their sustained support.

[13:09] [MOTD] -

[13:09] [MOTD] - In particular we would like to thank the sponsor

[13:09] [MOTD] - of this server, details of which can be found above.

[13:09] [MOTD] -

[13:09] [MOTD] - \*\*\*\*\*

[13:09] [MOTD] - Please read <http://blog.freenode.net/2010/11/be-safe-out-there/>

[13:09] [MOTD] - \*\*\*\*\*

[13:09] [MOTD] End of message of the day

[13:09] [Mode] You have set your personal modes to [+Zi].

[13:09] [Notice] -NickServ- detlev\_ is not a registered nickname.

[13:09] [Notice] -ChanServ- #eric-ide| eric the Python IDE - <http://eric-ide.python-projects.org>

Freenode (SSL)

detlev\_

#eric-ide

utf-8

rw Line: 38 Pos: 0 0









# Theory 3: Click to Agree







**I have read and agree to the terms of the software license agreement.**

Disagree

Agree

# OS X El Capitan

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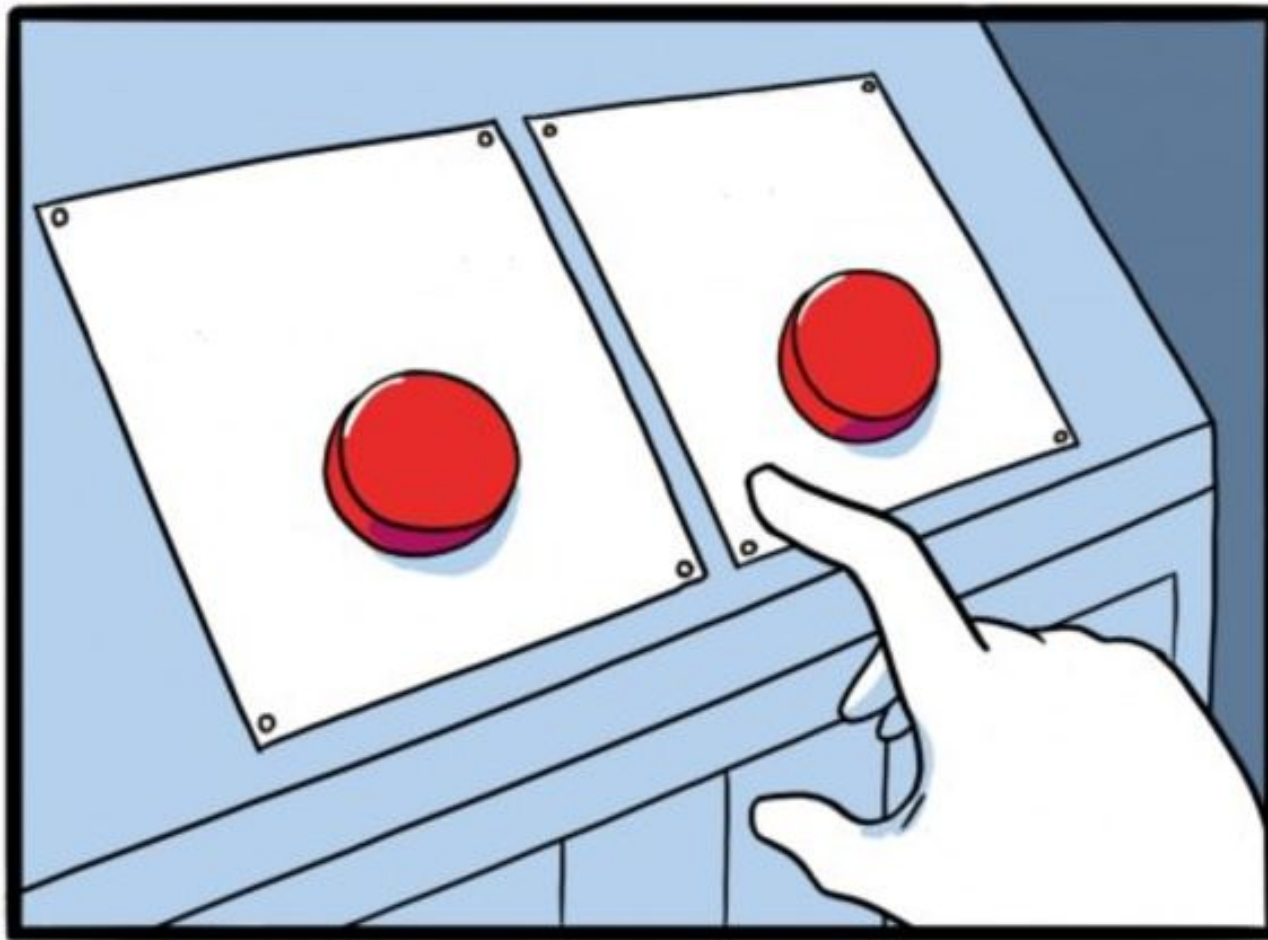


Disagree



Agree







"NO" DOES  
NOT MEAN  
"CONVINCE  
ME"





**This package will run a program to determine if the software can be installed.**

To keep your computer secure, you should only run programs or install software from a trusted source. If you're not sure about this software's source, click Cancel to stop the program and the installation.

Cancel

Continue

- **Introduction**

- Destination

- Installation

- Installation

- Summary

Zoom is the leader in modern video communications, with an easy, reliable platform for video and audio conferencing, messaging, and webinars across mobile, desktop, and room systems. Visit [blog.zoom.us](https://blog.zoom.us) and follow @zoom\_us.

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Do you accept all the terms of the preceding License Agreement? If you choose No, the setup will close. To install Friend Greetings, you must accept this agreement.

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Yes

No

What to do about the thing























# Actual users

- Software vs. software cases involve conflicting expressions of user consent
  - User consent was already problematic
  - This just makes it more obvious
- Good software help users do what they want
  - So software law should focus on users' goals

# What do users need?

- Some tasks require delegation to software
- Including protection from other software!
- Users need *access* to software to do things
- Users need *loyalty* from the software they use



# What do users want?

- User choice is an essential value, but ...
  - Some choices are harmful to others
  - Some explicit “choices” are the result of mistake, fraud, or coercion
  - Some choices are implicit
- Click-to-agree is a bad choice architecture

# Conclusion



# Silent Mac update nukes dangerous webserver installed by Zoom

Fix also requires users to confirm they want to join a Zoom conference.

DAN GOODIN - 7/10/2019, 7:50 PM



# What Apple got right

- Users *could* rationally choose Zoom's server
- Most users *did not* actually choose it
- Most users *would not* choose it if they knew
- Automatic security updates with a System Preference opt-out are a reasonable balance between beneficence and respect



Questions?