What to Do If Your Computer is Taken Over By Ransomware

Business Insider offers some advice on how to react when a computer is hit by ransomware. The solution is much clearer when the victim has a good, recent backup stored in a safe place.

“Ransomware, which is a form of malware, works by either holding your entire computer hostage or by blocking access to all of your files by encrypting them,” Business Insider explains. “A person infected with ransomware is typically ordered (via a pop-up window) to pay anything from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars in order to get the key to unlock their encrypted data.”

Hackers are using sophisticated software such as CDT-Locker, which can be hidden in files and overlooked by security programs. Sometimes people to willingly download these dangerous files by using sneaky tricks to make them appear legitimate.

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