Subject: Re: Virus Warning (Karma Sutra) and some basic tips
Posted by DreamWraith on Fri, 03 Feb 2006 05:24:08 GMT
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Aircraftkiller wrote on Thu, 02 February 2006 22:31
http://blogs.zdnet.com/Ou/index.php?p=103

Although the blog may contain fact, when attempting at a debate, it is usually not best to use them as a frame of reference. Blogs are notorius for opinions.
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   http://www.theregister.co.uk/2005/05/13/firefox_loses_shine/

Be forewarned. What is to follow is ridden with opinion. Opinion that may be based on past experience and observations, but opinion nonetheless. You are certainly entitled to your opinions. Security problems in Firefox might seem a bigger deal, but there are some differences.

First, Firefox is new, and big in the "geek" community. Thus, even the smallest stuff gets big exposure.

You heard about the WMF exploit for IE I am sure. Well, there were countless security updates PRIOR to that, that were not in the news to such fanfare, because, they were typical small range holes.

Furthermore, when bugs or exploits are brought to light for Firefox, they are rapidly patched. One security hole in the 1.0.x series was patches the day after mozilla received notification.

Typically an IE patch takes anywhere from one to two months. Why? Because they (the WMF being the one exception), only release patches on "patch Tuesday".

With that out of the way, allow me to address your all but certain response. "Opera is superior".

I agree. For the time being, opera is more secure and more accurate at rendering proper CSS than the other browsers. However, for an enthusiast, or someone who wants to be able to add and/or take away from their browser, Opera doesn't really deliver. It does have somewhat effective pop-up blocking, but there is nothing along the lines of Adblock for Firefox.

Given time, and increased usage now that it is free, I am fairly certain Opera would garner just as much good and bad press as Firefox. Once a browser, or ANY software for that matter starts hitting the semi-mainstream, it is open to a far wider range of eyes.

When people start using something en masse is when the baddies start going after it.

In any case, if you are to argue that FireFox is no more secure than IE, I would have to disagree. As I said above, Opera may have some highlights that exceed Firefox at the current time, but this does not render Firefox less that of IE.