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**News Note**

# Article Title: New Skype malware spreading at 2,000 clicks per hour makes money by using victims’ machines to mine Bitcoins

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# Article Text: There is a new Trojan malware that spreads throughout Skype. The malicious user sounds on links to everyone on Skype, if a user clicks on it their system becomes infected. The Trojan downloads other malware in order to process bit coins to the owner of the malware. bit coins are digital currency that is used in place of real courtesy. Given the lack of a government to tie to the money, it is a primary target for hackers because there is limited jurisdiction on who can go after them.

**Take away points:** Malware is a constant threat when you go online. It can not only spread from anything, but also be very difficult to find and remove once a machine is infected. Never click on something you are not familiar with. It is very easy for criminals to mass out thousands of emails and letters just in the hope that someone clicks on them. The best cure of this problem is prevention of the problem itself.

**Potential Test Question:** What are some ways to prevent personal information leaking?

Answer: Be very careful on what information you give out. Also pay close on any security features a program may have. You should destroy or shred any paper with information that you no longer need such as medicine bottles and old bank statements.