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Warning About USB Thumb Drives

USB Thumb drives are awesome little devices. The ability to get loads of data on and off of a computer quickly and efficiently, in such a small package, is very convenient. However, what most people do not know is that more and more of the USB devices are coming with computer viruses and Trojans – PREINSTALLED!

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How does this happen, you may ask? Well, it is usually an inside job, but sometimes hackers break into the USB drive plants and make small, quick, illicit changes to the firmware of the drives. It does not matter if the company is American, Chinese, Korean, Taiwanese, or any other country of manufacture. The companies turn out so many devices, once a compromise is discovered, it is really hard for them to identify and stop the shipment of the contaminated batch of drives before they go out to market.

So, how can you protect yourself from this? KEEP UP TO DATE ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE INSTALLED ON YOUR COM-PUTER!

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