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WHAT IS RANSOMWARE?

Ransomware is a form of malware used specifically to target data on any machine. That data is stolen, encrypted, and held hostage while the user is forced to pay a ransom for the decryption key.



According to Newsweek magazine, Ransomware attacks have risen 250% in 2017. And not just PCs and Macs— mobile devices are now a prime target for ransomware attacks. More than 4,000 ransomware attacks have occurred every day since the beginning of 2016. Phishing email attachments have become the #1 delivery vehicle for ransomware.

Avoid being a target by regularly scanning for viruses and do not install unknown applications or files. Keeping regular backups of your machine's data will remove the need to pay a ransom in the event you become a target.