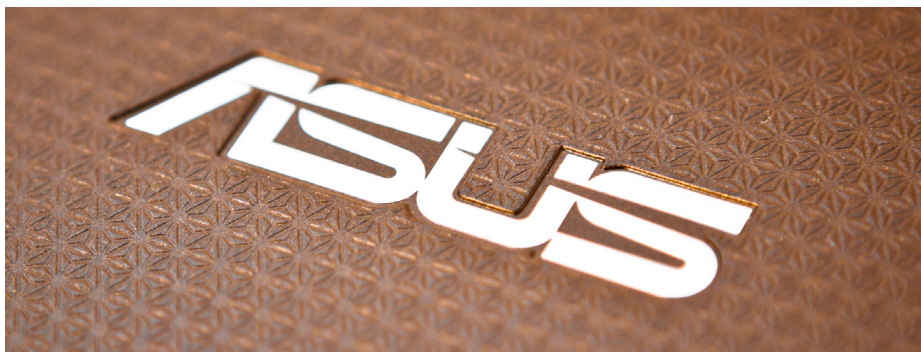


ASUS Computers Infected with Malware

From June to November of 2018 malicious individuals took over the ASUS automated update service and used it to deliver malicious software to ASUS notebook computers. During this time they were able to leave a backdoor in the infected computers giving them the ability to get back into them at a later date.



ASUS has created an online security diagnostic tool to check for affected systems found here: https://dlcdnets.asus.com/pub/ASUS/nb/Apps_for_Win10/ASUSDiagnosticTool/ASDT_v1.0.1.0.zip

If your notebook has been affected you should run a backup of your files and restore your operating system to factory settings which will completely remove the malware.

Then make sure you have the latest update (ver. 3.6.8) with the ASUS fix for this issue which you can verify by following the instruction in the following link:

<https://www.asus.com/support/FAQ/1018727/>

What should you do?

- Since the malicious individuals may have gotten your user name and passwords to your accounts (email, social media, banking, etc.) you should immediately change your passwords.
- Make sure you are running up-to-date anti-virus software, and that it is being updated automatically.
- Where possible, enable multi-factor authentication on all your accounts.