



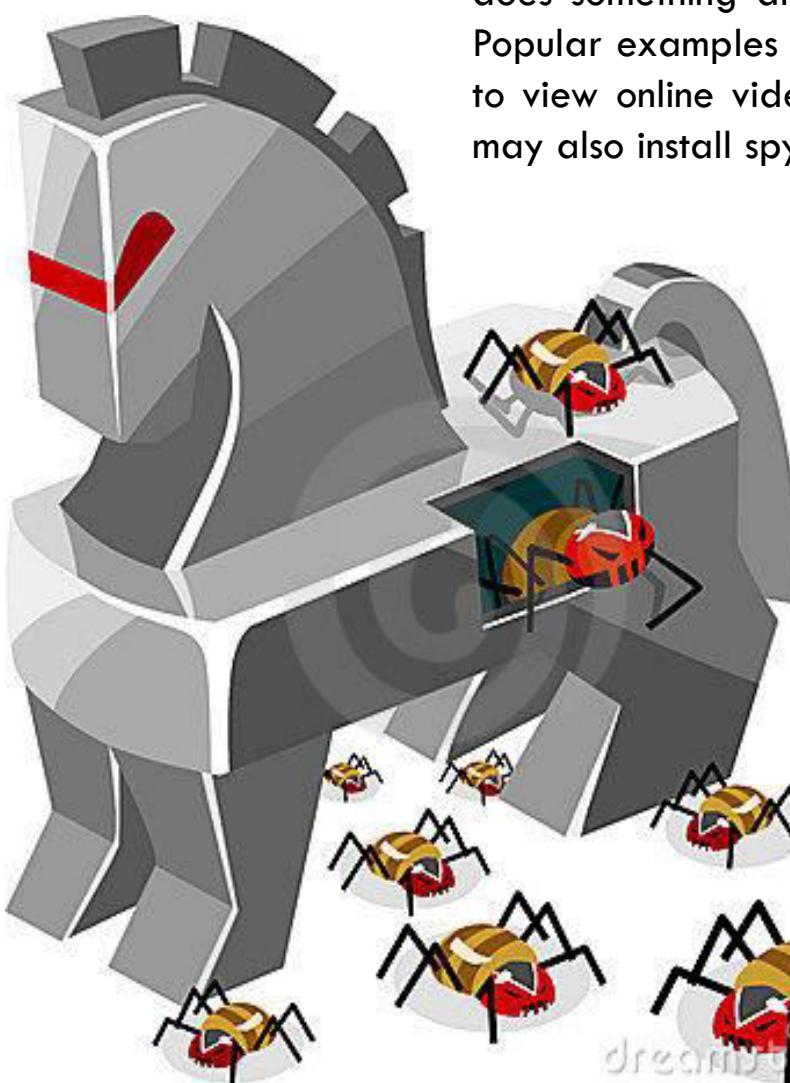
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# TROJAN HORSE

Trojans are malicious programs that pretend to be legitimate software, but actually carry out hidden, harmful functions.

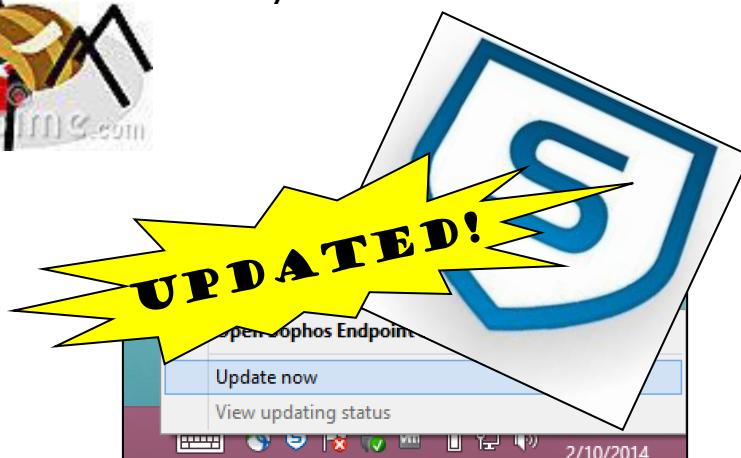
A Trojan program pretends to do one thing, but actually does something different, usually without your knowledge. Popular examples are video codecs that some sites require to view online videos. When a Trojan codec is installed, it may also install spyware or other malicious software.



Another example is a malicious link that says "Cool Game." When you download and install the game program, it turns out not to be a game at all, but a harmful Trojan that compromises your computer or erases the data on your hard drive.

## How to protect yourself against Trojans

Good antivirus and endpoint security solutions can detect and remove spyware programs, which are treated as a type of Trojan. Make sure it is always updated.



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