

WannaCry Ransomware

Dear Students,

As you might be aware based on widespread news reporting, the world's worst outbreak of Ransomware was launched on Friday last week in an attack that has already affected more than 233,978 devices in more than 100 countries including Malaysia (Ref: <https://intel.malwaretech.com/botnet/wcrypt/?t=24h&bid=all>) . Although APU's network is not affected with the Ransomware, we have increased our Network Defense System to "Critical" Level to safeguard against the Ransomware. As a result, you may experience slower connection to the Network/Internet.

What is the WannaCry ransomware?

WannaCry encrypts data files and ask users to pay a US\$300 ransom in bitcoins. The ransom note indicates that the payment amount will be doubled after three days. If payment is not made after seven days, the encrypted files will be deleted. At this time, this ransomware variant appears to be taking advantage of a known and patched Windows vulnerability



What to do?

All students should ensure their systems and software are updated with all current patches in order to stop the spread of infection. Please visit <https://howtoremove.guide/wannacry-virus-ransomware-remove> for more details.

If you suspect that you may have been a target of this attack, please walk-in to the TechCentre. The TechCentre is presently located on the 6th Floor, APU Spine in room TL-6-9.

Thank you.