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Malware trips up Web site

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Cleveland.com experienced technical difficulties Saturday because of a malicious computer program from an advertisement on the Web site.

The malware program "Antivirus 2009" presents itself as an anti-virus program using pop-ups and phony alerts to signal that malicious software is on the computer.

The Trojan horse prompts users to download software to fix the problem but redirects them to a new Web site.

The problem surfaced after noon Saturday and was resolved at 8:30 p.m.

Users complained of having to manually close their Web browsers to avoid multiple pop-ups and the initiation of fake virus scans.

Users who believe their computer was infected can run a scan with legitimate anti-virus software such as Norton, Kaspersky or Malwarebytes' Anti-Malware.

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