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Every now and again I get e-mails from friends telling me how to make money out of Microsoft, warning me to boycott some company or other or simply warning me to look out for an e-mail with a certain title in the header that once opened will wipe my computer clean and post it back to the manufacturer.

They all have one thing in common. They are a hoax. Usually they ask you to send a copy to all your friends so they don't miss out. Ok so say I forward the message to 20 people, they in turn forward to 20 of their friends and then so do they. In 5 minutes, after only 3 links in the chain you have generated over 8000 e-mails, by tomorrow that will be millions, if not billions!! Probably worse than a virus? Yes, undetectable and unstoppable!

And you wondered why the internet gets slow!

So, not wanting to deprive anyone of the one in a hundred billion chance that such an e-mail could be genuine, have a look here -

www.hoax-slayer.com

You will see that phone calls from certain numbers will not frazzle your brain, Bill Gates will not give you £240 and an e-mail with a picture of Gordon Brown smiling will not cause your computer to crash in flames.

So next time you get any suspect or too good to be true e-mail either Google the title of the e-mail, or check the above site. Remember.....**Any message that attempts to convince you that a charitable campaign relies on the random forwarding of an email is almost certainly a hoax.**

Oh, lets not forget the other version....."Send this e-mail to 15 of your friends and you will receive unbelievable good luck" **oh really!**

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