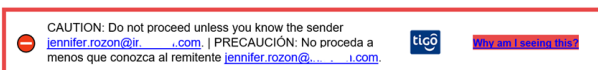# What is ransomware?
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What is ransomware? How do I get ransomware?

Ransomware is a type of malware that prevents users from accessing their system or personal files and demands ransom payment in order to regain access. The earliest variants of ransomware were developed in the late 1980s, and payment was to be sent via snail mail. Today, ransomware authors order that payment be sent via cryptocurrency or credit card.
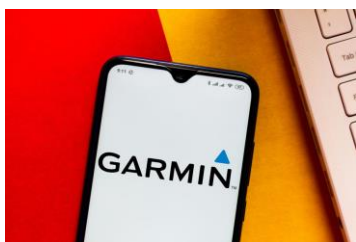
There are several different ways that ransomware can infect your computer. One of the most common methods today is through malicious spam, or malspam, which is unsolicited email that is used to deliver malware. The email might include booby-trapped attachments, such as PDFs or Word documents. It might also contain links to malicious websites.

With your help we can prevent Millicom from being part of a story like this!

Verify the data of the mail before opening the attached files or accessing an attached link. If you see the message from our GreatHorn tool consult with the Services Desk before continuing.

CAUTION: Do not proceed unless you know the sender
jennifer.rozon@ir._____.com. | PRECAUCIÓN: No proceda a
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"Ransomware, one of the biggest security problems on the Internet today, is a type of malware that encrypts data, on anything from your PC to entire networks and servers, and then holds that data for ransom until specified demands are met, usually some form of financial payment. Those financial payments can range from hundreds to thousands to even millions of dollars. For anyone, including businesses, the effects of a ransomware attack can be devastating and the road to recovery long and costly. The July 2020 ransomware attack on multinational tech company, Garmin, provides a pertinent example of the type of devastation just such an attack can cause."…….

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"The recent attack on Carnival Cruises underscores this reality. Carnival is the latest multinational company to fall victim to a ransomware attack and the results aren't pretty. The attack, which was discovered August 15, provided the cyber intruders with unauthorized access to the personal data of Carnival guests and employees… and that's a lot of data. As the world's largest cruise operator, Carnival employs more than 150,000 staff and welcomes over 13 million people aboard its ships every year. Based on the data accessed, Carnival is expecting claims from employees, guests, and shareholders."…….

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