Does the 3DS get Viruses?

KEIRASDADA 116 posts since
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I was just wondering if anyone has experienced or heard about getting viruses, mal-ware or spy ware on your 3DS i dont see alot of security for this on nintendos behalf. but I also know that most mal ware,spyware or viruses are designed to use .EXE format and are targeted more toward bigger browser companies. For example Internet explorer, Firefox, Safari and Chrome anyway any information on this would be greatly appreciated. Thanks in advance to all those who answer.

ANTWHAT 42 posts since
Not that i've heard or seen of..so i dont think 3ds's get viruses

DIVER24 423 posts since
There is no viruses for the 3DS, but if it were to get one, it might be because of some download on the 3DS or it just got hacked.

GAMEHATERDAD 602 posts since
It is almost impossible for a video game system to contract a digital virus. This is caused because the data storage is different than on a computer.

NINTENMAN94 1,276 posts since
Here's a response _TANIS_ gave to a similar topic on why the Wii cannot be infected by a virus. Since the same rules should apply to the 3DS as well, just substitute the word "Wii" for the word "3DS".
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Hope this helps😊.

There are two main reasons for this:

First, malware would have to be very specifically targeted at the Wii. The Wii does not run software the same way a desktop computer does, and a virus intended for a Wii (should one exist) would look nothing like a virus for a computer. Therefore it would take a significant amount of time and energy for someone to write and distribute malware for the Wii.

Second, cyber criminals target where there are a large number of potential victims and where there are exploitable security holes. Though the Wii is incredibly popular, it is easier and far more lucrative to target computers. Even cell phones are more at risk than the Wii because of their ubiquity and because they contain far more exploitable data (i.e. it is easier for wrongdoers to get money out of you on your phone than on your Wii).


I don’t know of any existing pieces of malware on the 3DS. I did see that the Wii U can’t get viruses, however, malware authors could write code that gives the Wii U a virus. Only problem for malware authors is that writing code for malware on the Wii U would take a lot of time and energy. Also, Wii U could be like a malware carrier. For example, let’s say you have malware designed for computers on your Wii U. Your Wii U could carry this malware to your computer(s) over a wireless or wired internet connection.