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Thread: [I bought a "used" laptop - I want take MAX precautions](#)

Mr. Moe - June 10, 2017, 2:57 pm

Hey, I bought a used xpr 13 today for 670\$USD. (idk if it was a good deal) I'll mainly be using it for school and forex & crypto trading so there will be valuables in this laptop. I want to make sure that the previous owner didn't set any keyloggers or anything to steal my digital funds.

Any advice at all will be greatly appreciated, thanks!

Very good condition Dell XPS 13 - Core i7 5500U - Windows 10 Pro 64-bit
8gb Ram 256GB SSD, 13.3 inch QHD+ (3200 x 1800) InfinityEdge touch display.

Specifications

- Ultrabook
- Core i7 5500U / 3.0 GHz
- Windows 10 Pro 64-bit
- 8 GB RAM
- 256 GB SSD
- 13.3 inch QHD+ (3200 x 1800) InfinityEdge touch display, Silver
- HD Graphics 5500
- Backlit keyboard
- 802.11ac
- WWAN upgradable
- Weight 1.2kg

Gary - June 10, 2017, 2:58 pm

Couldn't you just replace the SSD completely or just reformat?

Jopemeister - June 10, 2017, 2:58 pm

Replace the SSD/ Use external booted tool to overwrite it with 0's

HighTier - June 10, 2017, 2:58 pm

You could download Malwarebytes and run a scan if you want.

Cylow - June 10, 2017, 2:58 pm

Just fully reset the computer or replace the hard drive.

D_MuLa - June 10, 2017, 3:03 pm

man thats a great fuckin deal! i'm in the process of getting an xps 13 myself. Unfortunately I'm prepared to pay 1k when I get mine :(you're lucky, but yeah since you bought a used one just format the SSD

virus - June 10, 2017, 3:19 pm

Format the drive. Or to be 100% safe replace the hard drive with a new SSD :) btw thats a sick laptop! grats!

kdpg - June 10, 2017, 3:37 pm

The only way to be 100% sure is replacing the SSD, some advanced malwares can even survive a full formatting, because they are hidden in the software part of the disk, instead of the storage part.

Mr. Moe - June 10, 2017, 4:15 pm

Thanks for everyones great reply! I guess I have to spend a few more dollars but it will be worth it in my opinion =)

I'll also download the malwarebyte scanners as suggested

Thanks the value recognition -the guy must have wanted to get rid of it quick :)

Larceny - June 10, 2017, 4:19 pm

I'm happy you went with my suggestion. I hope it works well for you.

ProtectNull™ - June 10, 2017, 4:19 pm

I mean, if he really wants to, he could of placed a bootkit.

5chn4pp - June 10, 2017, 5:19 pm

Please download [Farbar Recovery Scan Tool](#) and save it to your Desktop.

Note: You need to run the version compatible with your system. If you are not sure which version applies to your system download both of them and try to run them. Only one of them will run on your system, that will be the right version.

Right click to run as administrator. When the tool opens click Yes to disclaimer.

Press Scan button.

It will produce logs called FRST.txt and Addition.txt in the same directory the tool is run from.

Please copy and paste the logs back here.

5chn4pp - June 10, 2017, 5:25 pm

(Jun 10, 2017 03:37 PM)kdpg Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The only way to be 100% sure is replacing the SSD, some advanced malwares can even survive a full formatting, because they are hidden in the software part of the disk, instead of the storage part.

(Jun 10, 2017 04:19 PM)ProtectNull™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I mean, if he really wants to, he could of placed a bootkit.

He could, but who the fuck would go through such trouble for nothing?

Mous - June 10, 2017, 5:26 pm

I got a Micro Star GL-something-something. It serves it's purpose.

.Bux - June 10, 2017, 5:29 pm

You don't format a SSD

It kills it

5chn4pp - June 10, 2017, 5:32 pm

(Jun 10, 2017 05:29 PM).Bux Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) You don't format a SSD

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Edit that "It kills it" to "It slows it down"

Carbanak - June 11, 2017, 4:31 am

Completely reinstall the operating system and you should be fine.

Mr.Ransom - June 12, 2017, 2:09 pm

reflash the windows and you are fully good to go.

D_MuLa - June 21, 2017, 7:01 pm

(Jun 10, 2017 05:32 PM)Bromo-DragonFLY Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Edit that "It kills it" to "It slows it down"how does it slow it down? I would think it'll make it faster because all the data & cache is being cleaned

5chn4pp - June 22, 2017, 4:04 am

(Jun 21, 2017 07:01 PM)D_MuLa Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) how does it slow it down? I would think it'll make it faster because all the data & cache is being cleaned

Because ssd's are more sensitive, if you absolutely have to format a ssd, do it only with a quick format.