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Thread: [Is it safe to receive files via skype? Microsoft powerpoint or microsoft word](#)

Eutronr4 - May 7, 2020, 12:14 pm

Hello guys! Tell me please, if one guy who offers cold emailing service wants to send me guide in microsoft powerpoint and/or microsoft word, is it save to receive it on skype? Cause its written are you sure you want to accept this file "name....pptx" ? So it seems its a microsoft format, however this skype notification still bothers me and makes me anxious hah..

Average_User - May 7, 2020, 12:17 pm

Generally, I'm hesitant as to receiving files over skype, always double-check extension, and be especially careful if it's a .exe file. You can also possibly test it on a Virtual Machine if you're that worried.

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Thanks a lot! Will wait for more opinions guys?

By the way , if he sends me microsoft word or microsoft powerpoint through email, not skype, is it safer to receiver it via gmail email or its pretty much same risk?

de_g3ntl3m4n - May 7, 2020, 12:57 pm

i mean its over skype, who cares feel like if you going through some risky little thingy with a guy you cant trust yes feel like it weird but to be honest feel like there are a lot of way of avoid this, if anything you can open the file up at a public library or a vm machine if you are that anxious

Exposed74 - May 7, 2020, 1:19 pm

Well, skype isn't the problem at all, those files could come from any possible way it would be the same. The danger could be hidden in a macro in the doc

A + - May 7, 2020, 1:30 pm

.pptx is safe to my knowledge. However, Microsoft word has an exploit that uses macros in a .doc or .docx file to drop a virus. I would still be careful. You could upload it on VirusTotal, and run it in a sandbox to see if it drops any files. I am sure that if you need help analyzing a file someone here would be glad to help you.

Exalted - May 7, 2020, 2:02 pm

Skype itself isn't the problem, although I would recommend you stop using it as it is a Micro\$oft product. Other than that, always be careful of files you don't trust; never enable macros when asked for, and alternatively, you could open them in a virtual machine or on an old device with no data and or internet connection.