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Internet Security.

In June I received 100 e-mails in my Inbox, 75% unsolicited.
One, ostensibly from my nephew, used his old e-mail address which he had changed at Christmas, but which I had not!
Has my e-mail Address Book been compromised?.
Numerous "mail delivery failure" messages from unknown addressees had the same wording:-

"If the message will not displayed (sic) automatically
follow the link to read the delivered message."

More worrying are e-mails such as

A

"From: [web address removed]
You have visited illegal websites.
I have a big list of the websites you surfed."

B

"From: [web address removed]
I have visited this website and I found you in the spammer list. Is that true?

+++ Attachment: No Virus found

+++ Panda AntiVirus - [web address removed]

C

"Please authenticate the secure message.
Sender, Inter Scan has detected virus(es) in your e-mail attachment.

My PowerBook uses Mac OS 9, Outlook Express 5.01, Windows 98, and is connected to ntl Broadband Internet with a Cable Modem..
Up-to-date security barriers for Macs are for Windows OS X or XP, so I cannot update my defences. Browsers, ISP Servers, all Internet providers should have 100% security for all their users as part of their service.