

Urgent Warning: Cypto Virus

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A list of encrypted files can be found by using this community generated program: [ListCrilock.exe](#) [3]

Some have been able to recover files without paying the ransom via a program written by Fabian Wosar. You can download that file here: [decrypt_mdlock.exe](#) [4]. Further instructions can be found by Fabian's post found on [bleepingcomputer.com](#) [5]

Others claim it is impossible to recover files without paying the ransom. This likely indicates different variants, or "look-alike" viruses.

Another alternative solution is to recover files from a backup or from Windows Shadow Copy. Windows has a feature built in to many versions that allow the computer to automatically make copies of a file when it's modified for a backup - should you want to revert to an older version. This however is not always available. You can try [Shadow Explorer](#) [6] for an easy way to view any shadow files that can be used to replace the corrupted files.

Some of the look-alike viruses don't actually encrypt your files, they only pretend to have encrypted files. In these situations, it's possible to clean the infection like any other virus.

To remove the virus, it has been reported that [Norton Power Eraser](#) [7] will do the job. Note however it is possible that Power Eraser can cause problems with the computer and should be used with caution. Essentially, it's a chance you take; most of the time yielding positive results. However it's important to understand removing the virus WILL NOT decrypt or unlock your files. Files should be decrypted (if possible by paying the ransom or the using the program listed above) before removing the infection.

Prevention is always preferred.

Simply use a GOOD Antivirus (we recommend Norton Internet Security), keep your system up to date (specifically Windows, Java and Adobe) and back up your computer to recover from such disasters.

We have a detailed, albeit lengthy video that [demonstrates how to avoid fake emails](#) [8] such as the Crypto Virus email. If you have not already watched this video, now may be the time to consider watching it. I will say it is not the most entertaining video, but very worth it in terms of security.



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