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How to Detect a Keylogger on a Mac by Emma Evans

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You may have the experience that your account like Yahoo or email is logined in other unknown places or your emails are read even if you have never opened those emails before. You may suspect that it is a keylogger causing the trouble.

It seems that keyloggers have received many bad raps as some people wrongly regard them as virus stealing private information. However, mac keylogger is neither spyware nor virus. Virus or other spyware is normally installed as a Trojan horse, then used to steal the users' personal information like online accounts, bank account information, etc. A distinct feature of virus is that it is installed automatically and stealthily into your computer by malicious links or bundling to another piece of software and then infects your computer without your notice. Usually, they are vicious programs used by those bad guys to do bad things. However, if someone wants to install a mac keylogger in your computer, it is necessary for him or her to have physical contact with your computer. Otherwise, the keylogger can not be installed. Generally speaking, anyone else can not install a keylogger in your mac without your permissiom unless they have other access to your computer.

Mac Keylogger is a security program for your Mac that records activities performed on your computer. The stealthy keylogger stays hidden in the background and captures keystrokes, desktop screenshots, web history and sometimes even application passwords. The users usually install the program to your Mac to monitor the activities on your computer. Although many Mac keyloggers are said to be undetectable, there are still some clues that can help you to determine if a keylogger is installed in your Mac.

For software keyloggers, the first place you should notice is the Dock. Many legitimate and commercial Mac keyloggers have Dock icons that will tell whether the computer is being monitored. Here are some other signs that can help you to determine if your computer has a Keylogger for Mac:

1. Network activity even if you are not accessing the network. This happens when the Mac Keylogger attempts to send the captured data through the Internet.

2. Unknown or mysterious running processes. Some keyloggers do not leave icons on your Dock but sometimes the process of the Mac Keylogger may appear in the Activity Monitor. If you notice an unknown process in your Activity Monitor, that may be a keylogger.

3. Online accounts change. If you are sure that you are the only one who knows your log-in details on various online accounts and you notice some changes, like a change of settings, passwords, or even transactions (banks, credit cards), then it is another clue that someone else manages to steal your log-in details through keyloggers.

Additional: Those above are just some basic clues in finding Keylogger for Mac. However, there are also keyloggers that can effectively hide themselves, avoiding detection. You should be alert if something wrong happens.

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