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Security

- Past security concerns were with computer viruses

  - Virus writers were interested, primarily, in causing inconvenience to as many as possible

  - *Bragging rights* within the hacker community

  - Macs were relatively safe

  - Macs are fewer in number than PCs (security by obscurity)

  - Also, Macs are *inherently* more secure

- Today virus writers are *money motivated*

  - Domestic and international *organized-crime* organizations are involved

  - Employing skilled computer programmers (many out-of-work)

  - Goals are; identity theft, access to credit-card information, and financial account information

  - Social engineering; getting people to give up information

  - Example: calling the help desk at large company and posing as an employee who lost their password

  - On the web, *phishing* is commonly used

- Example email from Bank of America

- Always be *vigilant*

- Think twice before providing personal information

- Be wary of requests to download files, viewers and unknown updates

Using *TextEdit* to work with with Microsoft Word files

- TextEdit is in the Applications folder

- TextEdit can be used to: edit Microsoft Word files

Drag and Drop on the Dock

- Drag files to an application on the dock to open the application with the file

- Example: Drag an image from iPhoto to the PhotoShop icon on the doc will open both PhotoShop and the image ready for editing