

Proactive desktop protection (need beta testers)

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Hello All,

I've lurked on the list since about 1996, so it's about time I post a comment.

Nearly every thread I've read here regard threats from Internet content. The odd thing is, we ourselves give content our full privilege to local resources by simply viewing it. Frequently, content even runs with our local admin rights. Our reaction is to lobotomize our browsers and email, disable scripting, load AV and spyware detection software, and apply patches and signature files faster than we're hit.

Worst case is that content activity modifies local resources. However, if Internet content (both pages and attachments) could read but not modify local resources, we could safely run useful or infected content or attachments which contain Active-X, Javascript, Macros, buffer overflows, Viruses, Trojans, etc.

I'm looking for willing beta testers for a managed desktop Agent product. I have a few small companies beta testing this, and one founding member of AVIEN who will beta test this in an .edu setup, and who also supports the fundamental concept. I need companies (who are not potential competitors) who are willing to sign an NDA (the product is not GA/for sale until January).

A full beta test can be done if you're a local company, or large company. This would involve a site visit, and needs SQLserver for the server side.

A standalone client beta test (limited test) is available which runs on W2000Pro, or XP Pro. This is a 7MB zip that can be emailed (still needs NDA). My favorite demo (with the Agent running) is to run as administrator, set IE settings for the Internet to low, and hit exploit sites, and warez/cdkey/other sites. I'll run Ad-Aware or an AV scanner after the Agent flushes, and no objects are found. Perfect for home computers, but since it's managed; it's targeted for departmental and corporate environments.

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Note this is a beta product which needs additional features and support. It doesn't solve everything (please ignore our stale and lame website). It is meant to compliment existing protections. I need feedback from you on what it needs to support and if you can find a way to break it.

Please email me directly if you're willing to beta test the product.

Thanks,

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