

Getting the attention of spyware & adware perpetrators

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The launch of my site in the hope of gathering people to fight adware and spyware on a pro-active basis seems to have really ticked off a few folks. The attempts to penetrate my firewall have greatly increased. Also the number of virus loaded messages seems to have jumped a bit. Not really a problem but it is interesting.

For those of you who claim that I know very little about the available programs to prevent adware and spyware infection, you are correct! Until recently, I really had not had much of a problem with it and had done little research at all. I am now learning quickly.

For those that simply say that one must just protect his or her own system and go on with life, I disagree. That is like telling an assault victim that they should have learned more self defense and to get on with life without trying to prosecute the offender.

Adware and spyware assault the systems of Internet users. Simple as that. These programs and scripts load onto people's systems without any type of informed consent. There is nothing that asks the user's permission to gather information and send it back to so-called marketing research companies. There is no option at all for the un-suspecting Internet user except to deal with the after effects.

I feel there should be a way for those victimized by this sneakware to get some payback and at the same time simply make it too costly to employ such tactics. All done in a legal and open manner.

Another organization has been brought to my attention that is having quite a bit of success against fraudulent "online banks" or fake banks. that is "Artists Against 419". I think they have a great idea in the way they use up the bandwidth of these frauds and I am currently working on the program specification to employ a similar tactic against adware and spyware. Their web site is www.aa419 I encourage you to visit them.

The tactics of those that try to hack into my own system or to send viruses via email only give me more ammunition. Through tracking programs, I learn more of what networks are or are not trustworthy. This information gets

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posted to my web site about once or twice a week. A searchable database is in the works and there are other databases already on the Internet that can be searched by the general public.

One last note. I am not trying to "make money" from this. Currently I am spending about \$600 per month all out of my own pocket and that is fine. It may take longer to get things done that way but if that is the way it is then so be it! The absolute best support I can get is information and instruction from the Internet community anyway. I really don't think I am all alone in this battle anyway. There are others out there that want to rid the Internet of the adware and spyware assaults. We will find each other eventually.

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