

Re: New Spyware

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OneLouder wrote...

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> *Believe me, I'm well aware I'm wasting my time on zealots.*

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> -- *Duane*

Duane,

At the risk of feeding a suspected troll... enough already!!! Name calling does not become anyone and accomplishes nothing but hostility.

You must at least be knowledgeable enough on this issue to realize that some folks have a liking for completely unobtrusive Internet use and want to retain their rightful option to exercise **choice**. Regardless of however benignly you present your company's services or wares, and however truly benign they may be, you must know how there is enough real crap out there already being spread as wide as the sky and most of us here and elsewhere are just plain fed up with being exposed to it, having it shoved in our faces, choked down our throats, and installed with neither warning nor our consent. You are hearing from the voices of experience. Our cumulative negative experiences involving the loss of privacy and security are enough to make our skin crawl at the smell of anything that even hints at resembling the behavior of spyware.

You are sitting on one side of the fence. Most of us here sit on the other. Those of indifference sit in the middle. Perhaps the middle folks should be your targets as those who sit on the opposite side from where you sit just want to be left alone. We'll pay the monetary price for decent software. We'll even accept the advertising in exchange for a free product. But don't expect us to accept compromised privacy and security, system instability, or anything else that has been discovered in association with spyware and spyware activity in exchange for someone's 'good word' on how the collection of our personal information will benefit us. All it does is help vendors

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support their products – something, by the way, to which we are not opposed. There are just better ways to accomplish that goal is all.

As long as advertising and/or the gathering of personal identifying information for marketing purposes and profit is a reality in today's Internet and software world, we need the cooperation of all companies in protecting the privacy of all consumers. We just want to be *honestly* informed and given an *honest* choice. But realize along the way that thousands of software and service titles have already carved a path of mistrust. Among us here and elsewhere you will find wide ranges of resentment, paranoia, distrust, and anger that are as varied as our individuality as people. The bottom line, though, is the same – we're damned cautious... and justifiably so.

Many Regards,
CatThief

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