

## Re: New Spyware

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That was about as succinct and as eloquent as one could put it. Thank you.

On Sun, 10 Feb 2002 05:39:17 GMT, CatThief <nospam@no.way> wrote:

>*OneLouder* wrote...

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><snip>

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

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>> -- *Duane*

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>*Duane,*

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>*At the risk of feeding a suspected troll... enough already!!! Name*

>*calling does not become anyone and accomplishes nothing but*

>*hostility.*

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>*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.*

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>*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*

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

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