

Re: Is Netscape 6.2 Safe to Browse with?

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No AOL software does any spying. Its installation package installs spyware, a separate program all together tagged as some kind of Smart Update gadget to automatically upgrade the attached program to the latest version, about the same time it uploaded your personal data on an http port to a port 80 server. Because the upload was spoofed as a web browser, your FUDware firewall was already setup to pass it.....

If you already had the payload spyware installed, by some other AOL crapware like Netscape, it never installed anything. They got what they wanted. If you are an AOL customer.... Ver 7.0 did it for them and you might as well install all of AOL's crap because you already were infected.....

Got smart update stuff installed? Das it mon!

On Sat, 01 Jun 2002 09:57:07 GMT, "mike"
<pataphysician@nospam.swfla.rr.com> wrote:

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> "Larry W4CSC" <spaminator@knology.net> wrote
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>> No AOL program is "safe" because of a long history of spyware
>> installed in AOL software, which is why no AOL programs are installed
>> here. AOL propagates this crap because they just can't help
>> themselves from selling any information they can collect on you to the
>> spammers.
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><snip>
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>> To be "safe" from AOL's spying, it's best to just uninstall all AOL
>> software, like ... WinAmp
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><snip>
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>has there ever been any confirmation that winamp is actually doing any
>spying? i've got sygate set to "ask" in regards to winamp, and it only
>asks when i'm trying to stream music. otherwise, i get no indication

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>that winamp is phoning home or anywhere else. i update and run ad-aware
>regularly and it never finds anything. is there something in particular
>that i should look for/remove/block? i've never seen aol.com in my
>trusted sites list.
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>i'm running winamp 2.78. maybe it's only the new v.3?
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>sorry to reply to a semi-old post. i'm just playing catch-up.
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>-mike
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Larry

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