

Re: Microsoft finally acknowledges the security drumbeats

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"Philip J. Koenig" <See_email_@ddress_below.This_one_is.invalid> wrote in message news:MPG.16d283541ce4199198a889@corp.supernews.com...

> In article <3C68BD97.7070900@quiotix.com>, jbs@quiotix.com (Jeffrey Siegal)

> writes...

> > Warren L Holybee wrote:

> > > Your neighbor can enter your garage to get his drill if you give him

> > > permission to do so. Even more so if you have entered into a contract

> > > with your neighbor to allow him to retrieve your drill from your

garage

> > > in exchange for, say, being able to use his hot tub while he's away.

> > > (In this case, not only does he have the right to do it, but he can go

> > > to court and force you to let him if you try to interfere.)

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> > > Similarly, Microsoft can search your computer if you give or gave them

> > > permission to do so, especially in the form of a contract.

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> > > All quite true. That said, if my neighbor wanted me to sign a contract that

> > > gave him permission to enter my house to get his drill when he wanted it

> > > back, whenever he wanted, without asking me first, I would never borrow the

> > > drill. I also don't think the vast majority of computer users want to enter

> > > this agreement with a software vendor.

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> > > I suspect you are right, but I also suspect that the vast majority of

> > > them (the ones that pay attention at all, that is), will hold their nose

> > > and sign it anyway, when it comes to Microsoft, because they really have

> > > no choice. Which is about as strong an argument for abuse of market

> > > power that there is...

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> Amen. Although it's also a pretty strong argument for how willing

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> *people are to give up their rights, or to cede power to a monopolist*
> *at the drop of a hat.*

I figure that I have the moral right to steal anything that anyone attempts to entrap me into selling myself into slavery for.

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