

Re: Do you use HOSTS file ?

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Thor Kottelin <thor@anta.net> wrote in message

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> > > > *You cannot know the absolute location of the hosts file.*

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> > > *Thor, I was talking about the usual location.*

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> > > *I don't remember seeing that on your page.*

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> > *Thor : Even if it is not written, you should understand it like that.*

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> *Well, I'm not a mind reader, and I'm surprised someone who uses the*

> *pseudonym "Programmershouse" doesn't write exactly what they mean. Maybe you*

> *also blame your programs for working as written, not as intended.*

Thor : I repeat once again : I wrote the default locations for the hosts file. If they are located in another place for your system, then you dont have the default settings.

> > *Ok I post on comp.security.misc only. You mean it is bad to have the*

> > *same message on different usenet groups ?*

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> *Crossposting a message is sometimes appropriate, but follow-ups should*

> *always be set to one group.*

I am doing it right now.

> > > *My solution for a customer would depend on the problem. Advertisements in*

> > > *themselves are not often considered a high-priority security issue, if one*

> > > *at all; ad blocking seems to be more of a end-user hobby.*

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> > *It is not a hobby : it is defending privacy. It is security. Like*

> > *firewalls are not a hobby. You are really writing nonsense.*

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> *IS security is usually defined as data availability, integrity and*

> *confidentiality. Sometimes non-repudiation is also included. I don't really*

> *view banner ads as a serious danger to any of the above. The issue has more*

> *to do with playing around with the user experience.*

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I have nothing against "normal ads".

But I dont want : tracking cookies for instance.

And also trojans, dialers, viruses and spywares.

Thats where the hosts file is usefull and thats where you are zero in security.

> > *"Leeching containt" bullshit is just a plain lie.*

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> *This is where you need to request your mother to wash your filthy mouth with*

> *soap, and take away your keyboard until you learn to behave. *plonk**

I was just saying your are writing stupid things about ads and security. And my arguments ? you dont anwser them ?

I repeat :

"Leeching containt" bullshit is just a plain lie. Except if you work for an ad companie which I suppose is the case.

Some sites contain spywares, dangerous cookies which endanger the privacy, and also pop ups, viruses, trojans, worms, dialers etc.

Hosts and blocking ads are for security and privacy.

If you dont know that, then you are a zero on defending security.

> *Thor*

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