

Re: Microsoft activation message?

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"Bob" <news@direcway.com> wrote in message
news:uex2ss4GFHA.576@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...
> *I am getting the following message box when I boot up the computer.*
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> *Message: Since windows was first installed on this computer the
hardware
> has changed significantly. Due to these changes windows needs to be
> reactivated within 3 days.*
> *Yes*
> *No*
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> *This started yesterday evening. There have been no hardware changes
to the
> computer of anykind since it was purchased from Dell. It has xphome
> edition.*
>
> *Can anyone tell me what could be causing this? Is it a problem in the*

> *service program, or udate program?*
>
> *Thanks,*
>
> *Bob Sellers*
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Cooperating with that strange message invites disaster.

Taking the facts as stated, my bet is that your computer is infected with phishware. Disregard that message or allow some joker on the other side of the planet to zombify your computer and access all your personal data.