

## Re: DON'T BELIEVE "Tracker", "Debbie", VPNSISHACKERSSECRET, "snailmail"!

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Thanks for the time and effort, Charles. This is what I was asking and hoping for.

May I quote your reply?

I volunteer to start a web page offering sound retorts to common sources of security misinformation. If anybody else thinks it would be worthwhile, they are welcome to contribute.

I think it would be much more constructive than the Tracker-bashing page.

(I can't begin work on it this week, as I'm tied down with my current project.)

Brad – still stuck in rural Veracruz with limited access to the internet.

"Charles Otstot" <[saries@nc.rr.com](mailto:saries@nc.rr.com)> wrote in message  
news:#r5hCBD1CHA.1780@TK2MSFTNGP11...

> *If you'd like someone to challenge your knowledge, I'll gladly do so.*

> *Just a couple of quick examples*

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> *Your VPN "information" is all wrong...the existence of a VPN adapter does*

> *NOT imply a system has been hacked. VPN stands for Virtual Private Network,*

> *setting up encrypted communications between two locations (e.g. a remote*

> *user's PC and hs/her office network). The VPN adapter is a virtual network*

> *adapter that binds to a VPN client and creates the communication pathway*

> *to*

> *it's partner location. A VPN adapter would be set up to ensure secure*

> *communications, NOT to hack into someone's system.*

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> *You often indicate that AOL adapters are a sign of hacking. AOL adapters are*

> *installed as part of the AOL client installation. I have yet to see or*

> *hear*

> *of an attacker installing the AOL client onto a target machine. If you*

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have

> *any specific, independently documented (by a recognized authoritative*

> *source) cases, please provide such documentation.*

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> *I do not ascribe any improper motives on your part. However, your*

knowledge

> *\*is\* extremely limited and virtually every bit of advice I've seen you*

post

> *has been technically inaccurate at best, and generally has been*

destructive

> *for anyone who would accept it. If you truly desire to help others with*

> *security problems, please get some formal training both in the platforms*

you

> *want to support (e.g. Windows) \*and\* in security (e.g. CISSP as a start).*

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> *"Tracker" <"snailmail(remove)222000"@yahoo.com> wrote in message*

> *news:3E4C3DC0.EBF6C32C@yahoo.com...*

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>> *George Hester wrote:*

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>>> *Now if this Tracker is giving misleading information purposely or not,*

> *consider this.*

>>

>>> *Read my previous posts, dude. No one is challenging my*

> *knowledge!!!!!!!!!! You may be nieve so what.*

>> *Haven't seen any individual who will or can challenge my knowledge, but*

it

> *doesn't matter to me.*

>>

>>> *Yes bashing Tracker for what he\she does is a waste of time.*

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>>> *Bashing Tracker, a she, shows immaturity. Bash Tracker on their*

knowledge

> *please!*

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>>> --

>>> *George Hester*

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>> *Tracker*

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