

Re: Reading Email while onLine

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Well, well, well. Just replaced one of my computers, and in testing, what do we see here? Sandi Hardmeier, Microsoft MVP is STILL out there trying to claim some credibility or competence or reading comprehension skill or something? No substantial security-related issues today, but the new machine is working quite well, and I'm in such a cheerful mood that I feel like rehashing this thread a bit. I suppose it's a sad form of amusement, but it's apparently what Sandi Hardmeier, Microsoft MVP wants.

(Or maybe it's semi-substantially worth noting that a brand new machine already needed 16 Microsoft security patches right out of the box? Or was it 18? Never enough time for Microsoft to do it right the first time, but always enough time to make the customers do it over, eh? *sigh* If I could only bill Microsoft at my regular hourly rate for the time I spend dealing with the [mostly security-related] problems Microsoft is responsible for, then I would probably be rich enough to retire by now. Of course, I'm sure all such liability was officially excluded somewhere in their disclaimers. Just for grins, on this new machine I actually started scrolling through the Microsoft license agreement when it asked me to accept it. Not actually trying to read it, mind you, just trying to see how long the dang thing was. It was still scrolling after a minute or two, so I got bored and just checked the acceptance box.)

Anyway, I promised a thread rehash... Long time ago, probably early in February, some newbie posted a comment that somehow caught my attention. I posted a rather generic reply. Some TNI (typical newsgroup idiot) posted some kind of insulting comment about my reply, apparently because I didn't know a blessed acronym. Okay, TNIs like to do that kind of stuff, and it's worth ignoring. However, in this case the insult then received an official stamp of approval from Sandi Hardmeier, Microsoft MVP. No substantive comment, just an approval of the insult.

A couple of weeks later, I somehow noticed the thread, probably from a Google scan. The TNI still wasn't worth noticing, but the Sandi-Hardmeier-Microsoft-MVP approval of the insult did stick in my craw, so I posted a comment about how valueless the MVP reply was and wandered off.

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Now I discover that Sandi Hardmeier, Microsoft MVP, had once again left to defend her (or his) honor, apparently within a day or so. No real defense, so nothing worth saying about it. You can't create respect by screaming and thumping your chest (or keyboard). But maybe you could use a newsgroup scanning robot to improve your response speed?

Hey, Sandi Hardmeier, Microsoft MVP. The official purpose of the MVP program is supposed to be to help Microsoft victims^H^H^H^H^H^H customers. If you don't have anything helpful to say, maybe you should just keep your fat fingers off of the keyboard. (By the way, I have no basis to know or care whether or not the fingers are physically fat, but it's intended in a metaphorical fatheaded sense.)

Basically confirms my impression regarding the effective death of the MVP program. Hard to see why anyone with an actual life and actual competence would put much effort into helping Microsoft make more money, but some of the MVPs really provided a lot of valuable help back in those pre-Sandi-Hardmeier days. However, as already noted, "free", "support", and "Microsoft" have always failed to go together.

(Or maybe I'm just spoiled, since I was helpful enough that I normally got paid for it? Anyway, I still think support is satisfying work, but not always fully appreciated, and I confess I'm kind of glad to have moved onward and upward...)

----- Original Message -----

From: "Sandi - Microsoft MVP" <sandi_hardmeier@mvps.org>
Newsgroups: microsoft.public.security
Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2004 10:49 PM
Subject: Re: Reading Email while onLine

> "Shannon Jacobs" <shanen@my-deja.com> wrote in message
> news:c5862fb7.0403030610.761f9f99@posting.google.com...
> > Was it now?
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> I believe that's what I said.
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> > I actually raised a substantive and new security issue. One would
> > imagine that such a fine and upstanding security expert as Sandi
> > Hardmeier, Microsoft MVP, would have some substantive comment.
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> Perhaps if you'd not taken more than 2 weeks at a time to respond I'd
place
> more credence in your assessment as a 'substantive and new security issue'
> comments. Surely 'substantive and new security issues' deserve more than
the
> occasional fly-by visit.
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> > You know how much those CD's cost? The ones that they "reward" the
> > MVPs with? On old friend has become a publisher these years, and he
> > told me it costs them around 10 cents a piece for large runs.

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> *I'm intrigued that you consider such information to be of such importance,
> or relevant for that matter; did you perhaps think I would find it
hurtful?*
> <G>
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> > *I think you (Sandi Hardmeier, Microsoft MVP) are overcompensated--but
> > I'm including the postage in my considerations.*
>
> *Ah, an attempt at insult. Tsk tsk.*
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> > *You know, I'm still less than amused at your inability to address any
> > of the real issues after you went and stirred things up. Makes me feel
> > like just repeating the last little comment you were unable to deal
> > with in anything remotely resembling a constructive fashion. To whit:
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> > *What was the issue again? Its been lost in the flaming. Something you
> > should, perhaps, keep in mind the next time you try trolling.*
>
> > *Well, well, well. What a deep and "valuable" response:*
>
> *It was all that was required.*
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> --
> *Hyperlinks are used to ensure advice remains current
> > Do NOT send me an email. I will NOT see it (thank the spammers and
viruses)*
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> _____
> *Sandi – Microsoft MVP since 1999 (IE/OE)*
> *<http://www.mvps.org/inetexplorer>*
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