

Re: There Is A Better Way

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A troll, maybe not.

Misinformed...definitely.

If you go around clicking like that, you will get something.

It is a myth that certain brands are immune.

Fewer threats maybe, far from immune.

But you just keep up with the unprotected computer but do not be surprised when the inevitable happens.

As for the rest, my computers have very few issues and low maintenance.

If your Windows boxes are constantly getting viruses etc, you are missing one or more of the 4 necessary items on this link:

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/security.htm>

And if you have them, one or more is out of date.

Between those 4 items and a little common sense a clean computer is relatively easy.

Also see:

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/slowcom.htm>

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<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar/>

"Richard" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:731b01c4304e5e2c91db05a301280a@phx.gbl...

Just me being here posting this makes me a troll I guess. I've come here and

other places looking for help with a virus, one of many that I've had to deal

with the past couple of years. You know, the ones that get through your

often-updated virus scanner and it can't get rid of. Like most of them I find I

have to spend a *lot* of my time researching on the web exactly what hoops

I have to jump through to get rid of the damn thing once and for all.

I own 3 computers. Two of them run XP, and one of those 2 is used by my

girlfriend and her daughter. The 2nd XP machine stays off the web and is

used by me for running just *one* application (Codewarrior, a microcontroller software development app). This 2nd computer

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basically does what it's supposed to do with no serious problems, and other than the app crashing once in a while and being rather counter-intuitive I have no big issues with it. The one my girlfriend uses is another story. I spend way too much time keeping it afloat. In spite of McAfee (and I've used others) standing guard it still gets viruses constantly. It is a little over a year old and I *know* that it runs considerably slower than it did when new. And I suppose I am to get some comfort in knowing that I am not alone. Everyone I know with a Wintel box has the same problems. And you probably wouldn't be here reading this if you were not part of the same crowd.

There is a better way. My 3rd computer is my workhorse. I use it in my work all day every day, and leave it on 24/7. I have 201 applications installed on it, and I probably exercise 100 of them every month. I have a permanent connection to the web and use the web maybe half my time (and no firewall). I have no fear in clicking any link I see, opening any attachment in email, or downloading and trying out new software I find on the web. In the 12 months I have owned this computer I have not once acquired a virus. And not once has the system software crashed (yes, some apps do crash but they never take the system down with them). How do I do this you may ask? Well, as some may have guessed by now, I do it by using a Mac. Dismiss me as being a Mac-Addict if you like, but if you knew what I know, you would want to tell the world yourself. If you guys are really tired of this virus crap and want to see what it's like to actually *enjoy* using your computer, you owe it to yourself to find out more about what I'm saying. There really is a better way.