

Re: I did a dumb thing

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I cannot answer as to what was available for W98.

You should go to www.passport.net immediately and use the edit your profile stuff to change your password. If it has already been changed, then use the reset capability

Then you can start to be concerned about what, if anything, cached login with or without use of passport may have allowed access, and of file content on the disk.

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"Robert Schuldenfrei" <schuldenfrei@comcast.net> wrote in message
news:F86dnYsKw9Wn_5vfrVn-hw@comcast.com...
> Dear NG,
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> I have been involved with computers for far too long (can anyone remember
> the IBM 7094?) to have done something as stupid as this, but I did. I put
> a
> computer in the trash without removing the hard drive or even erasing its
> files. A few hours later I noticed that the trash had not been picked up,
> but the computer was gone! OK, someone has an old Windows/98 system with
> my
> stuff on it. I took a look at my most recent backup of that machine and
> it
> did not appear to have anything critical on it, but... I have had a
> strange
> incident today and I wonder if I have a real problem on my hands.
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> I got a message from MSN Messenger 6.2 that I signed on another machine.
> I
> immediately call my daughter who I just gave an old laptop to and she
> confirmed that she had signed in and she had Messenger running with my
> PassPort. I told her to remove my PassPort and get one of her own. She
> said she would, but just now I returned to my machine after being away
> from
> it for about two hours and I saw the message again. It could be her, or
> it
> could be the "new owner." Now I don't even remember if MSN Messenger even
> was on the W/98 machine so here are my questions:
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> 1/ Was MSN Messenger available for W/98?
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> 2/ Assume that it was, how do I go about getting Microsoft to "kill" my
old
> PassPort and issue another one?
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> 3/ What "normal" pieces of Microsoft software will be effected?
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> 4/ I have an MSDN subscription, and I am sure that it will be effected.
How
> do I prove to MS that I am me?
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> 5/ What are the ramifications that have not crossed my mind? Hopefully,
> there are mind-readers in this newsgroup.
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> With a lot of egg on my face, I thank you all in advance.
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> Cheers,
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