

Re: Beta anti spyware

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I just went back and went through the entire download site again, including clicking on and reading every single link to additional information. As an attorney, I perform critical, close reading of documents on a daily basis and I'm good at it. As a matter of fact, the site in fact does not ever explain that this is a test program, does not specifically invite feedback from consumers, and in no way suggests that the software is anything other than a finished product similar to other free software often provided by Microsoft to its users. (I know, I know, there's that "Beta" thing, but I discussed that in my previous message.) I now realise that since when I went back the second time (contrary to your implication, I had gone through it thoroughly before I downloaded the software) I had the inside info about the meaning of "Beta," I could pick up on the very few references in the literature that suggest not that there is some testing going on, but only that some additional "tweaking" is going on with the product. You can throw some more nasty comments about my failings and flaws in this whole episode if you wish, but I stand by my critique of Microsoft's conduct in all of this.

"Shenan Stanley" wrote:

> *Philly lawyer wrote:*

> > *Thanks for the explanation. I had no idea that this was a "test"*

> > *version of the program. I, and probably millions of other*

> > *unsuspecting users, received an unsolicited e-mail from Microsoft*

> > *that raved about its new anti-spyware program and suggested I*

> > *download it to "Try it Now!"*

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> *First of, if you received an email from Microsoft, it was not unsolicited.*

> *If you did not sign up for email from Microsoft and you think you received*

> *one - you got spam from someone else - likely someone phishing.*

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> *When I don't know the meaning of a word/term - I go here:*

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> <http://www.dictionary.com/>

> *and/or here:*

> <http://www.google.com/>

> *and/or here:*

> <http://www.webopedia.com/>

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> <- Shenan ->

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> *The information is provided "as is", it is suggested you research for
> yourself before you take any advice – you are the one ultimately
> responsible for your actions/problems/solutions. Know what you are
> getting into before you jump in with both feet.*

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