

Re: "Microsoft is in discussions to buy controversial adware maker

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i dont really care, one way or the other, im using xp, and as soon as my online classes are done, they only support windows, im buying a mac, im tired of all the virus's,malware, adware, spyware, and all the rest, which are written to attack windows, because most people own windows, ive bought a few programs in the year that ive own this system, and they are all to fight off attacks.

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xp-pro,sp2,
computer newbie

"Galen" wrote:

> In news:%23cCF1BagFHA.1480@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl,

> Dutch User <me@privacy.net> had this to say:

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> > I bought several expensive Operating System licenses from MS,

> > not a vehicle for advertising and personal data collection.

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> Yes. However you didn't buy the site(s) that this will be located on nor the

> software it will be located in perhaps? The software that this will be

> included with will likely be something like MSN Messenger (that's the only

> one I can think of at this moment that provides ads) or for pushing the ads

> (perhaps used on their own servers to track what the user does) to Hotmail

> account owners as an example of what it could be used for. Those services

> are free and ad supported - tracking the ads that they sell is the only way

> they'll be profitable. Using that research to optimize click-throughs and

> impressions is what will make them more profitable. As you said, you bought

> several expensive Oses from Microsoft. They don't contain anything from

> Claria unless you've somehow managed to install it. Microsoft almost

> certainly will not send you a new CD with any software developed from

> Claria's code and then force you to install it.

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> The irony here is that we have no idea if the rumors are true, what the

> plans are if they are true, or even if the sale will take place. I still

> feel that I'm simply not capable of judging the business practices of people

> far more educated in money making and know the plans for Microsoft's future.

> Should this product remain as it is and should Microsoft opt to use it in

> their products then I will, of course, strive to continue in my current

> practice of keeping my private information as private as I opt to keep it.

> Then again I did mention that you likely wouldn't like my comments. <g>

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> Galen

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> "But there are always some lunatics about. It would be a dull world
> without them."
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> Sherlock Holmes
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