

Re: Is it true?

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Hi James,

Regarding your post:

| From: "James Martin" <martin 426 At yahoo>

| Subject: Re: Is it true?

| Date: Tue, 20 Jan 2004 16:09:08 -0500

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| No offense Paul, but that was a doublespeak event of Orwellian proportions.

| Post a reply to say you can't reply.

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| To Answer PEGcapital's question, Microsoft will include many new features in

| their products, and you **will** like them. Rest assured. However, you

| should be very nervous about the trusted computing initiatives that many

| companies are itching for.

At the risk of the even more "double-speak" let me clarify my reason for posting the reply .

People often ask for specifics on features in the next release. The original poster wanted very specific details including a confirmation on if the feature would be included in the Word interface.

As a rule Microsoft will not confirm. However, if Microsoft were to ignore every such question with not even an acknowledgement that we saw the post, it would be even more frustrating to the poster.

While Microsoft maintains a long-standing policy of not commenting on features in unreleased products, we have remind people of this fact occasionally to let them know that we are listening to them, not ignoring them, and also to remind others who read posts in a public forum that if such questions are asked (future features) they will not receive confirmation from Microsoft in that forum. Hopefully this achieves two

things:

1. Lets people know that we are in the communities and do care about what people are discussing and
2. Occasionally reminding people that they should not expect to get confirmation on questions that have been and continue to be out-of-bounds.

Thanks,

– Paul Hayes

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Windows XP Security Homepage:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/security/default.asp>

Windows 2000 Security Homepage:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/security/default.asp>

Top 10 Windows Newsgroups Security Questions:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/newsgroups/default.asp?url=/technet/newsgroups/nodepages/sectop10.asp>

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