

Re: Where is Microsoft Anti-Virus????

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"...your boss just announced..."

Perhaps he is your boss, but he is not my boss or the boss of any other MVP for that matter, at least if you are referring to who I think you are.

Computers if setup correctly are safe out of the box. Since the manufacturers do what they want regardless the capabilities of the OS, they should at least get part of the blame. Why do you omit them?

As far as Windows all by itself, if someone buys Windows, they are building their own computer...or close enough. If that is the case, they need to be aware what all is needed for secure computing.

When you buy an engine for an automobile, should it be ready to go? Or do you maybe have to buy gas and oil as well?

If your 80 year old grandmother buys a computer and the computer is not secure to your/her satisfaction out of the box, you have a problem with the OEM and not so much Microsoft. Many OEMs provide an antivirus as well as other tools.

Much of your logic seems to apply more to an OEM rather than one component of the computer system. Hopefully you are also communicating your dissatisfaction to the OEMs as well.

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"Seth Brundle" <brundlefly76@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:53e2ec95.0410020751.1911292f@posting.google.com...

> Well, for all you MVP's who insist that OS manufacturers are not
> responsible for antivirus solution on some sort of 'logical'
> argument
> should note that your boss just announced that MS would be launching
> its own spyware cleaner - a great first step.

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>> http://free.grisoft.com/freeweb.php/doc/2/
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>> Frequently asked questions about Windows Security Center
>> http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;883792&Product=windowsxpsp2
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>> Frequently Asked Questions About Antivirus Software
>> http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/antivirus.mspx
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>> Carey Frisch
>> Microsoft MVP
>> Windows XP - Shell/User
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>> Be Smart! Protect Your PC!
>> http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/default.aspx
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>> "Seth Brundle" wrote:
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>> | When completing my install of Service Pack 2, I was happy to see
>> | the
>> | firewall preconfigured and up-front to the user, which was an
>> | excellent step forward in security for Windows.
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>> | However, I was shocked to see a balloon suggesting I purchase a
>> | third-party antivirus program (!!!)
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>> | Microsoft, as a non open-source operating system company, needs
>> | to
>> | accept responsibility for anti-virus products, or open up its
>> | source
>> | code. Only those in possession of the source code itself are best
>> | able
>> | to manage a comprehensive and fast-response antivirus system.
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>> | To both acknowledge that your operating system is virus-prone and
>> | suggest you pay someone else to protect you from Microsoft's
>> | insecure
>> | software is very ironic.
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>> | Rather than promoting the anti-virus market by advertising
>> | third-party
>> | products, why isnt Microsoft simply accepting the responsibility
>> | of its
>> | operating system security from end to end with an anti-virus
>> | product??? As the owner of the OS, source code, and Windows
>> | developers, and as one of the most cash-laden companies in the
>> | world,
>> | they alone are best equipped to undertake this task, yet they
>> | seem
>> | fine with simply letting their lack of security support a
>> | third-party
>> | software market.
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>> | I dont want to pay $80 for my operating system, then pay another
>> | 50%
>> | of the cost of the netire operating system to a third party to
>> | protect
>> | me from its vulnerabilities - having the OS reccommend this is
>> | insulting.
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