

Re: Have PopUps gotten smarter?

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ejaggers wrote:

> *I've been looking to replace Norton Anti-Virus 2002 as some of you
> have suggested. And while searching, I get popups (i.e. The Shield
> AV). I've use Another IE Popup Killer v2 by fadsoft for years which
> use to kill them all. Are popups smarter now days? Is there a better
> PU killer? And is The Shield AV any good since they try so hard to
> get my attention???*

The one built into SP2 works fairly well. The one built into Firefox works fairly well. The Google Toolbar works fairly well.

Tip (9) for antivirus.

Tip (10) for antispyware/popups.

The rest – perhaps you should read through it!

Microsoft has these suggestions for Protecting your computer from the various things that could happen to you/it:

Protect your PC

<http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>

Although those tips are fantastic, there are many things you should know above and beyond what is there. Below I have detailed out many steps that can not only help you clean-up a problem PC but keep it clean ,secure and running at its top performance mark.

I know this text can seem intimidating – it is quite long and a lot to take in for a novice – but I assure you that one trip through this list and you will understand your computer and the options available to you for protecting your data much better – and that the next time you review these steps, the time it takes will be greatly reduced.

Let's take the cleanup of your computer step-by-step. Yes, it will take up some of your time – but consider what you use your computer for and how much you would dislike it if all of your stuff on your computer went away because you did not "feel like" performing some

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simple maintenance tasks – think of it like taking out your garbage, collecting and sorting your postal mail, paying your bills on time, etc.

I'll mainly work around Windows XP, as that is what the bulk of this document is about; however, here is a place for you poor souls still stuck in Windows 98/ME where you can get information on maintaining your system:

Windows 98 and 'Maintaining Your Computer':

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows98/usingwindows/maintaining/>

Windows ME Computer Health: