

Re: Cryptogram Comment

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Tom St Denis wrote:

- > *[I emailed a similar message to Bruce himself but I figure I'll pick on him*
- > *here as well].*
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- > *In his latest Cryptogram Bruce took up the position on the WinXP SP2 patches*
- > *that it was Microsofts duty to provide the patches for all WinXP users*
- > *[licensed and unlicensed]. Citing that the security and well being of the*
- > *Internet depends on it. As if Microsoft, a for-profit entity, is*
- > *responsible for the well being of illegal installations.*
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- > *Let's not forget that if you run an unpatched computer [running any OS] wide*
- > *open to the net that *you* are responsible for what happens not the OS*
- > *vendor. The fact that Microsoft *does* provide patches to *paying**
- > *customers should be sufficient. Providing patches to non-paying customers*
- > *just encourages them to never buy a copy [even though an OEM copy isn't*
- > *that expensive].*
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- > *Well, fine. If private for-profit corporations must secure free-loading*
- > *non-paying customers, I hereby, in public demand that Counterpane visit my*
- > *house and audit my home network. I, of course, won't pay Counterpane but*
- > *I'll demand it none the less.*
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- > *While I personally hate Windows [on various levels none of which have to do*
- > *with their license policies] I find it rather trivial that such a mouth*
- > *piece could find it justified to fire off a quick snide remark without*
- > *really giving it much thought [as to what it implies].*
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- > *Tom*

Tom, do you bother to read your firewall or IDS logs?

the majority of the people or worms who attempt to scan or fire exploits at my home systems are on Windows systems, most of which are probably unpatched and Owned.

have you ever had to disinfect or maybe even reinstall M\$ software for family and relatives that were in all likelihood infected from other

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Owned machines? Or had t