

Re: Bloody "cookies" and yahoo

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On Tue, 26 Oct 2004 16:27:00 GMT, Chris L Peterson
<clp@alumni.caltech.edu> wrote:

>On Tue, 26 Oct 2004 00:05:34 -0400, Rich <rightwing@america1st.com> wrote:

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>>I was on one of the yahoo astro groups and the stupid thing
>>kept prompting me to take a cookie (4 different ones each
>>time I accessed a post!). So finally, I relented, let it give me
>>one, then another one. Within 10 minutes this SPAM astro
>>stuff showed up on my screen.

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>><http://skyinsight.net/indexstd.html>

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>>Well, moderator of that site, I will NEVER visit it now.

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>>IMO, a site should issue one cookie, if needed, for itself only.
>>Instead, they hide the true origin and turn your browser into
>>a free for all. The next step is browser highjacking which has
>>happened to me twice already.

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>This is not browser hijacking. All that happened (if I understand correctly) is
>that you got some targeted ads presented by Yahoo when you were browsing a Yahoo
>site. Hardly a big deal.

"Next step" is browser highjacking, like from "hotbar" or
"smileycentral" where your browser comes up and immediately
goes to the highjacker's site. I have not had this problem with
Mozilla but Bill Gates abomination (IE) does have the problem.