

Re: XP vs Mac OS X

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Adrian Tuddenham wrote:

Joel Kolstad <JKolstad71HatesSpam@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Does OS X come with anti-virus protection? That would be a tangible benefit.

No it doesn't because there aren't any OSX viruses (there haven't been any viruses on any Mac OS for many many years).

This used to be true. Not anymore.

The one thing that is in favor of OS X in that regard is that they do the right thing with respect to root privs. It is often a bit painful to install software, as a consequence, but you usually don't have to run the software as root.

However, the protection afforded by that only prevents a virus from infecting system files. It is still possible to wreak havoc on a user without root access by manipulating his bin directory and path.

Regards,
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