

Re: XP vs Mac OS X

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TCS wrote:

>Bob Monsen wrote:

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>>Adrian Tuddenham wrote:

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>>> Joel Kolstad wrote:

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>>>>Does OS X come with anti-virus protection?

>>>>That would be a tangible benefit.

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>>>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).

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>>This used to be true. Not anymore.

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>Can you name a few running around in the wild? Right now there are hundreds

>of particularly nasty windows viruses in the wild. Can you even name one

>mac virus running around in the wild?

April, 2005 press release:

DVForge Challenges Symantec CEO To Produce Evidence Of Mac Virus

Today, the CEO of DVForge, Inc. issues the following public challenge to the CEO of Symantec Corporation.

"This challenge is to John Thompson, CEO of Symantec corporation, and is based on statements issued by his company in and in response to its Internet Security Threat Report, issued in March." said Jack Campbell, DVForge, Inc. CEO, "The report and the several following statements

issued by Symantec representatives very cleverly used vague assertions and innuendo to promote the idea that an in-the-wild, self-replicating virus that is effective against the modern Mac OS X operating system is possible, and is in fact a serious threat to Mac users. If anyone in my company made such dangerously erroneous public statements, I would fire them on the spot. Since I cannot fire anyone inside Symantec, I am specifically challenging Mr. Thompson to either produce scientifically valid evidence that such a Mac OS X virus is possible, or to publicly retract his company's claims."

Campbell continues, "The Mac OS X operating system is crafted and shipped from Apple with a set of security features enabled that make the infection of the machine by a network based virus, without the user overriding those features impossible. For Mr. Thompson to support his company's claims that such a virus actually is possible is creating substantial financial damage to all companies selling products or services to Apple computer users, by wrongly spreading disinformation that lowers the overall sales of Mac systems to new users. That means his company is costing my company sales of our Apple accessory products. And, that makes me mad."

"Mr. Thompson, I am calling on you to put up or shut up. Show the industry your evidence that such an in-the-wild OS X virus is indeed possible. Or, publicly retract your company's previously stated position," concludes Campbell.

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