

Re: Before you upgrade to WinXP Service Pack 2....

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But what happens if we don't download the Service Pack? Are we still going to get the "critical updates"? Or just the corp guys get that privilege? If we don't accept it, are we more vulnerable to hackers? Reading the "fixes" on the site Jay sent is scary! I have a server and FTP site--my clients have to have access. Sounds easy to just press a button and let them in? Think I'll wait a while and see what happens.

Barb C.

"14tonks" <mail.2.14tonks@recursor.net> wrote in message
news:2od637F987pgU1@uni-berlin.de...

- > *Yep, this may be the upgrade that finally convinces people to try the*
- > *alternatives to MS. As soon as they announced that all their corporate*
- > *clients would be given the option to continue to download critical updates*
- > *without ever installing SP2, I knew it was going to be big trouble.*
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- > *Unfortunately, they've convinced a lot of people to accept automatic*
- > *updates, and this is one update no one should install without having a*
- > *full*
- > *image of their system to restore from, just the thing the automatic update*
- > *people are least likely to have. Windows System Restore probably isn't*
- > *going to do it for some of the problems that are likely to crop up.*
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- > *The real problem is that they gave all the third-party programmers in the*
- > *world tools like Active X and Windows scripting that let them basically*
- > *hijack our computers several years ago. Now they are trying to close some*
- > *of*
- > *those holes and take away some of those privileges, which is going to*
- > *break*
- > *many of the applications that were built with the assumption the user's*
- > *computer could be controlled and manipulated from the software company's*
- > *servers or that depend on other programming interfaces and functions that*
- > *were supposed to be bundled in Windows.*
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- > *I'm all in favor of not allowing other people to control my computer, but*
- I
- > *don't really trust MS to give me that, since they want to keep their own*

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> *fingers very deeply in the pie. I have a sneaking suspicion that the pain
> isn't going to be worth the gain on this one.*

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> *Sheila*

> *To reply to me, add the prefix real. to my address.*

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> *"Jay Vance" <digitalvance@aol.comdelete> wrote in message*

> *news:20040816190054.03983.00001421@mb-m17.aol.com...*

> > *....see link for warnings on programs that "may experience issues" (I
kid*

> *you*

> > *not, that's verbatim) after installation of SP2:*

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> > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?kbid=884130&product=windowsxpsp2>

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> > *Jay*

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> > *"We don't see things as they are, we see things as we are." – Anais Nin*

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