

Re: Microsoft Spyware Detection/Removal Tool

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> *Something free from Microsoft? Better scarf down on this ;-*)

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> *Fuelled by its recent gobble-up of Giant Software, Microsoft has*

> *released a Beta of its new spyware-bashing tool. It's available free for*

> *download from www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software*

> *Strangely enough, other PC security firms have been rather tight-lipped*

> *about the whole affair. Could this be the shape of protection to come?*

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> *taharka*

Expecting other security firms to post announcements that Microsoft has apparently now decided to incorporate "free" antivirus software into its operating systems would be rather like expecting Netscape to have told you that you ought to switch to Internet Explorer, don't you think?

I don't necessarily see this as cause for rejoicing, since the net result may be the same as the great browser wars. Competitive products will be driven out of the market, and then MS will allow its own product to deteriorate, since there will no longer be any incentive to invest much further development time or money once they have a monopoly.

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