

Re: Microsoft Spyware Detection/Removal Tool

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14tonks wrote:

> "taharka" <taharka@HotPOP.com> wrote in message

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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

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> 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?

Well, this announcement is not my doings. It came from a newsletter that I subscribe to via email from PCFormat Magazine. www.pcformat.co.uk I didn't read anywhere that Microsoft has decided to incorporate antivirus software into its operating systems. AFAIK this is a stand alone software package & is for spyware detection/removal only not antivirus. Any issues with the announcement should be directed to the forums at PCFormat Magazine. My intentions are to merely let folks know there is a new spyware detection/removal tool out there.

> 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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Rejoicing from me will come when Microsoft puts out an OS that