

Re: XP SP3 Update, Outlook 2002

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Probably not – there are just too many that might or might not cause problems and not all affected programs are installed as plugins. The warning also doesn't give the name of the dll or application requesting access because that information isn't passed to outlook.

It would have been better to have the information about the increased security in release notes and links to the KB articles on the download page (not released 3 days after the SP). They had a small beta test group and apparently none of the testers used anti-spam software (the most common software that triggers the warning) and the testers were not told of the security changes, so it caught everyone, including MVPs, by surprise.

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"Pat" <pkeller8@comcast.net> wrote in message
news:cb6d01c409d7\$6c25ed20\$a301280a@phx.gbl...
>I understand that identifying a calling program at
> execution would be 'restricted' for security reasons. As
> it should be. Would it not have been possible during
> *installation*, however, to inspect registered
> plugins/dlls to at least warn the user that this problem
> might occur if installation continues. I would suggest
> that if motivated to do so, well-designed software could
> still include a way to allow specific and known
> exceptions without compromising security. As it exists,
> the warning message is worthless. How can anyone make a
> decision to 'Allow' or not, when there is no information
> on which to base that decision.