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There's one person in m.p.w.v.g that has a standard reply when asked about the number of processes running. A poster will ask, 'is 56 running processes too much ?' They've got 56 processes running right after a clean boot. Now his standard response is...'It doesn't matter how many are running, it depends on what they are'.

Not IMO, this XP box has 22 running processes directly after boot time. Still a bit too much for my taste, but what can you do.

That's the second biggest showstopper for me with XP. (After Product Activation. :) There are so many interlinked services running. And the design is downright looney. If RPC is shut down in NT it kills the whole system, but there's no reason that RPC should even be installed on a standalone PC. On my Win98 system I've got about 7 processes running, no WMI, no System Restore, no System File Protection, and I've removed the key RPC file. On XP I can stop S.P. and remove S.F.P., but that still leaves me with dozens of things going on, some of which seem to be spyware, some of which are vulnerable online – like RPC.

I wouldn't dare go online with XP without first studying all the services thoroughly, trimming them down, then finding a good firewall that can stop svchost.exe from getting through, acting as an alias for MS spyware or worse.

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