

Re: Anyone got SP2 thru Automatic Updates yet?

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In news:eQJ\$\$1UhEHA.3932@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl,
George <pop@email.com> typed:

- > *Am I the only one that sees a problem with people leaving their*
- > *computers connected to the internet for long periods of time?*
- > *The*
- > *thought is that most people don't even realize that they need*
- > *some*
- > *form of protection from outside snoopers.*

I don't know whether you're the only one, but I don't see "long periods of time" as any problem at all.

If you don't have a firewall, anti-virus software, anti-spyware software, etc., you're at risk when you are connected. The issue isn't for how long you connect unprotected, it's **whether** you connect unprotected. Are you aware of how long it takes for an unprotected computer on the internet to get infected with Sasser? It's just a few seconds.

- > *Maybe MS is wanting all of these unprotected people to get*
- > *infected*
- > *in some form or another and then they will learn their lesson?*

That's simply nonsense, as far as I'm concerned. Every infection is bad publicity for Microsoft; that's the last thing they would want.

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