

RE: Do I really need XP2?

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"Michael P Gabriel" wrote:

> *Hi!*
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> *I have a Dell 2400 / 256 ram / 80G HDD /WIN XP HOME/ USB Flash Card/
> USB Floppy Drive, a Zip Drive a scanner and a printer.*
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> *I use a 3COM 56K hardware modem – NOT broadband. I go online for short
> periods of time, less than 1/2 hour, except rarely when I 'BOT'*
> *Shopping for perhaps an hour. I balance my checking account and my
> Visa Card online. My ISP provides incoming and outgoing email virus
> security and spam control, Also, Norton Antivirus 2004 does for other
> than email, I use Zone Alarm Pro, Cookie Wall, Adaware, Spybot, and
> Roxio GOBACK.*
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> *In several years now, I have been attacked by a virus once and it
> was cleaned automatically by my virus software. I always "SIGN OFF"
> web sites where applicable, I NEVER go onto unkown web sites, I
> never click on unknown links, anywhere, even in google groups
> messages, I never open attachments if the sender is unknown to me.
> Generally speaking I'm a very alert user!*
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> *I know I'm at risk; what I want to know to what degree..expressed in
> percentage perhaps, or any another way. And if possible, specifically
> where? I may wind up not using SP2 and throw the dice!*
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> *Mike*
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> *Would appreciate some thoughts.....*
>
> *Mike*

Hello Mike and greetings from England,

microsoft.public.windowsxp.general: RE: Do I really need XP2?

That percentage risk you asked for – I'm afraid it's 100. You mention everything except a firewall and that's the risk factor of going without. You don't say what you have against SP2 or why you seem to have doubts about it but I've used it now for 6 days and the new bi-directional firewall works fine here. I also have McAfee's firewall free with my AOL 9.0 and the two don't conflict, even though the doom mongers say they would. You paid for SP2 when you bought XP – take it.

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here to learn but chipping in the odd opinion