

Re: Removing SP2

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Windows XP SP2 Misconception

<http://www.spywareinfo.net/aug18.2004#xpsp2>

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I have followed a number of news stories recently about so-called "incompatibilities" with Microsoft's Service Pack 2 for Windows XP. Because SP2 enables the Windows Firewall by default, it is blocking internet connections by a number of programs. Unbelievably, people are reporting this as a "glitch" in the service patch.

These people need to get a clue. These are not bugs, glitches or incompatibilities. The service patch is doing exactly what it is supposed to do. It turns on the new Windows firewall, which blocks connections in and out until you tell it to do differently. That is what a firewall does. This is not unique to SP2. All software firewalls – ALL OF THEM – do exactly the same thing.

When XP's Service Pack 2 comes out, don't let these foolish news articles about "incompatibilities" keep you from installing it. There may be real glitches found later on. The stories that are out right now are full of nonsense, written by the uninformed. You will be much safer from drive-by malware infection after you install this service pack.

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~PA Bear

Lu wrote:

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> Naw I feel more like I bought new wheels for my car, and
> when I installed the car fell to pieces, but the wheels
> were fine! All has been (possibly temporarily) fixed, I
> restored my system to wednesday morning when all else
> failed, scan disk, norton scan (updated weekly), spybot
> (updated sunday), adaware (updated today), ran all of
> these, adaware was the only one that found anything,
> a "possible hijack attempt". Everything runs fine now
> that I did the restore, but I am keeping your list of "to
> read" for this weekend. I'd like to have SP2, but not if
> it's going to break functionality of anything I currently
> have (I just tested stuff that was lagging/broken, it's
> all fine now, system restore did it).
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> This shouldn't have been released if it could do so much
> damage (and it can't just be me, there are dozens of
> websites listing program conflicts and programs that will
> simply not work after the pack...)
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> Once I have more time I will try this again, after doing
> ALL of the related reading, my "update" shouldn't break
> anything, and if it were broken before hand it wouldn't
> work now (restore was for the morning of the day that I
> updated, anything that was installed had been so since
> sunday, the last time i had to update computer stuffs).
> And if it were broken, but still worked, well, then it
> isn't broken...but regardless, this is obviously not an
> update that should be done lightly...
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> > -----Original Message-----
> > That's like getting rid of your new, 2004 Chevy cos the wheels from
> > your '49 Packard don't fit it!
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> > Start here:
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> > WinXP SP2 Release Notes
> > <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=835935>
> >
> > Changes to Functionality in Microsoft Windows XP Service Pack 2
> > <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxppro/main/ntain/sp2chngs.mspx>
> >
> > Using programs and hardware with Service Pack 2 (SP2)
> > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=fh;ln;xpsp2shw>
> >
> > Programs that may behave differently in WinXP SP2
> > <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=884130>
> >
> > Some programs seem to stop working after you install WinXP SP2
> > <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=842242>
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> > ~Robear Dyer (PA Bear)
> > MS MVP-Windows (IE/OE), AH-VSOP
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> > Are You Ready for WinXP SP2?
> > <http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/default.aspx>
> >
> > AumHa Forums
> > <http://forum.aumha.org>
> >
> > Lu wrote:
> > > Right, it broke before hand, because i was playing it
> > > less then an hour before i got the update prompt, why it
> > > was so broke that it ran beautifully and with no lag, and
> > > afterwards it must've been working because it wouldn't
> > > even start.
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> > > ...I know when a program works, and doesn't, and since
> > > the service pack was the only thing installed that entire
> > > week (much less the less then 2 hour period that it broke
> > > in), it obviously wasn't broken before. I appreciate the
> > > replies, but telling me it was broke before the pack is
> > > nonsense, i was running my games just fine, and then it
> > > stopped working, and the only thing in between was the
> > > update (and unless microsoft released 10 other new

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> > > updates with it, the service pack was it, because i
> > > manually check for updates every sunday...anyways, i just
> > > want it gone
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