

Re: 4/12/05 vs. Tax Professionals Deadline of 4/15/05. WHAAAAAT!!

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You pretty much got it.

This issue of forcing SP-2 is getting more press from bad journalist interested in selling their story with half truths.

The possibility that anyone pays for extreme measures when a simple solution is available can be irritating.

This statement the OP made "assured me he will see that no such automatic download and installation

of SP-2 will occur into my main machine at any time before 4/16/05." is part of what I saw as a possibility.

I am sure there are still those possibly spending thousands of dollars to protect their computers from SP-2 when the solution is easily within their grasp.

Especially in newsgroups it is difficult to know exactly what is meant when not all is in the post.

I am still curious if the OP has the tool installed.

Jupiter Jones [MVP]

<http://www3.telus.net/dandemar>

In memory of our dear friend, MVP Alex Nichol

<http://www.dts-l.org>

"xfiler" <anonymous@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message [news:056a01c53a02\\$65804d60\\$a601280a@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:056a01c53a02$65804d60$a601280a@xxxxxxxxxxx)

To throw my \$.02, if i read JJ's post correctly, he was upset that you may have been "forced" to purchase "extreme" measures for a non-existent event by people who, with a few easy questions could have reassured you that this was not the case.

Not that your IT decisions (or theirs) were wrong – just that somebody with less knowledge could have been hoodwinked into believing that all this was necessary to keep you from getting SP2 – Unfortunatly, there are plenty of people out there with no knowledge, and twice as many who will take advantage of them. Jupiter, if I

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am wrong on this – please let me (us) know.

Good day, xfiler.

>-----Original Message-----

>Well, my dear OzieBill, the answer to your question is a very simple one.

>Ever since opening up my own office over ten years ago, Iâ?Tve always thought I

>knew enough about computer matters to take care of those things myself. After

>all, I knew my experience with computers dated back to 1967 back east in

>college when Iâ?Td received a 4.0 score for writing an entire depreciation

>program starting with an accelerated method and switching to straight-line

>using the Fortran language, about 300 punch cards (I had punched myself), and

>submitting same to the special group on campus who had the necessary

>knowledge about running the modern IBM 1132 computer system!

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>If that background experience was not enough, I certainly thought that

>having bought a used computer without a hard drive but with two 5-1/2â?? floppy

>drives from the Used Computer Store in Berkeley in 1985 or so was a big notch

>up in my knowledge-base about computers. Well, that acquisition, along with

>buying a thick Microsoft book covering all the details of DOS, which I read

>cover-to-cover!

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>I have, believe it or not, pretty much succeeded in serving as my own IT

>support since opening my office in 1994. It was only late this past December

>that I realized I was spending far too much time on various computer issues

>and not nearly enough time on client accounting and tax matters. Yes, last

>September or October I has requested and received from Bill a CD of SP2, but

>it had just hung around collecting dust while I viewed its installation as a

>low-priority item.

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>It wasn't until the very end of December that I finally decided to
>outsource my IT needs. Surprisingly, I was lucky enough not to have to look
>overseas for this support, but knew of an excellent local IT firm who came
>highly recommended by one of my existing clients; and located only about six
>blocks away from my office in Union Square! After several meetings which
>covered my needs and wants and their ideas on how they could help me, I
>decided upon moving to a server environment using a Dell server, Microsoft's
>SBS 2003 basic edition, Symantec's AntiVirus 9.0 Groupware software and
>Veritas backup software including two peripheral s/w items. Unfortunately,
>there was a delay in delivery of the server which had become "lost" in
>transit (which, luckily for me, one of Dell's sales support team in India was
>able to locate within a few days), and then further delay in receipt of the
>Veritas s/w. So, by the time this wonderful new system was pretty much in
>place, I was in the middle of my "high-season" and not at all interested in
>dealing with installing SP2 until after April 15th. That was solely my
>decision.
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>As a final comment, the main point I wished to raise in my post was the
>timing issue which was included in the Subject Header of my original post.
>Based upon some rather quick and snappy replies, it's now obvious to me that
>certain words I included in the body of the post, specifically "the forced
>deployment of SP2 upon the masses", created far more irritation to some
>readers than I had ever imagined. I apologize to all who were offended over
>my selection of words.
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>And, finally, to Jupiter Jones, I did follow the link you provided and read
>the information found in that link. Thank you for that information. I must
>say, however, that all I had indicated was that my

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consultant assured me no
>automatic download of SP2 would occur to my desktop unit
until after 4/15. I
>feel you were far too sensitive and definitely
overreacted when you wrote
>back â?If the people you hired convinced you extreme
measures are necessary to
>prevent SP-2, you should hire someone with integrity
willing to tell you the
>simple truth instead of a complex lie.â?? Huh??
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>"OzieBill" wrote:
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<ANumbersTypeofGuyinSanFrancisco@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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E4FEA8B05B1D@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:8DF2374B-FFAD-4AA4-9D76-E4FEA8B05B1D@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
>> > I'm a sole proprietor CPA with p-t tax season staff
in San Francisco with
>> > a
>> > lot of work staring me in the face and due before
April 15th. When a
>> > friend
>> > of mine first heard about the forced deployment of
SP2 onto the masses
>> > back
>> > on March 1st, due to occur on April 12th by good ole
Bill, he quickly
>> > forwarded me the Tech Republic article with Subject
Header: "Ready or not,
>> > Windows XP update is coming". Luckily, last December
I had decided to hire
>> > a
>> > local IT support group, Proactive Network
Consulting, who have
>> > successfully
>> > installed a Dell server with SBS software, Veritas
b/u s/w and Symantic
>> > AntiVirus Groupware s/w. It's been a big relief to
have them just a phone
>> > call away for help when it's needed. Lawrence (the
Big Cheese at
>> > Proactive)
>> > has assured me he will see that no such automatic
download and

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>> > installation
>> > of SP2 will occur into my main machine at any time
before 4/16/05. I just
>> > wonder ... didn't ANYONE working on the SP2 forced
distribution consider
>> > us
>> > poor number-crunching tax preparers when they
decided upon April 12th as
>> > their chosen date???
>> > --
>> > One of many 100's of members of "Mama's" Extended
Family!
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>> May I ask a simple question?
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>> SP-2 was released August 25 last year – why wasn't it
installed months ago?
>> Maybe you should have a serious talk to your Big
Cheese buddy.
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