

# Re: Activation period Expired

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- *From:* "kurttrail" <[dontemailme@xx](mailto:dontemailme@xx)>
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Kerry Brown wrote:

> "Lil' Dave" <[spamyourself@xxxxxxxx](mailto:spamyourself@xxxxxxxx)> wrote in message  
> [news:%23w3YnijTFHA.3244@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23w3YnijTFHA.3244@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)  
>> "Kerry Brown" <[kerry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx\\*o\\*m](mailto:kerry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx*o*m)> wrote in message  
>  
> <snip>  
>  
>>> I made no comment about the program itself. I don't know if it  
>>> works and I  
>>> said just that.  
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>>> I wanted to warn people about the danger of going to some of the  
>>> sites that showed up in a google search for it. A lot of the people  
>>> on this newsgroup  
>>> are not very technically savvy. As you say, if you know what you are  
>>> doing  
>>> you are relatively safe. Unfortunately at lot of people don't know  
>>> what they are doing. Are computers for the elite only? If someone  
>>> is going to make a  
>>> public post that could cause harm to someone's computer they should  
>>> post a  
>>> warning with it. Two of the sites actively attacked my computer,  
>>> scanning ports, popups trying to entice me to run exe files, trying  
>>> known IE exploits, even trying the mozilla IDN exploit. They were  
>>> not friendly sites. Kerry  
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>>  
>> Agreed. Anytime anyone seeks to openly search for something illegal  
>> or immoral on the internet risks what you describe. The risk is  
>> much higher in  
>> this category, as opposed to something legitimate. Typical are  
>> windows product keys, activation kill programs, entire movies, and  
>> nudity. A safe site should have been provided, even if its not  
>> legit software. But, the reason for not mentioning the site  
>> location is self-explanatory to most. So, here we are. Your warning  
>> will probably go unheeded by many poorly protected PC users.  
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> While we agree on the warning it seems you are also assuming that I  
> think it is illegal or immoral to use programs like WPA\_Kill.exe.  
> Personally I won't use them for the simple fact that I believe sooner  
> or later you will be cut off from updates if you use a hacked copy of  
> Windows. I make no moral judgement about others that use this or any  
> other method to get around activation. My belief is that you own your  
> copy of Windows. If you don't want to activate it for some reason  
> that is your business. I know of some people that believe Microsoft  
> uses activations to collect data about the installed base of  
> computers and don't want to participate. Right or wrong they have the  
> right to that belief. If it is a pirate copy of Windows then that is  
> a different story and the use of the pirated Windows software is  
> illegal. The use of WPA\_Kill.exe is not.  
> Kerry

It is illegal in the US to make and distribute WPA\_Kill.exe under the DMCA, but it is not illegal to use it for your own fair use.

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Peace!

Kurt

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<http://microscum.com/mscommunity>

"Trustworthy Computing" is only another example of an Oxymoron!

"Produkt-Aktivierung macht frei"

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◇ *From:* Philippe L. Balmanno

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