

Re: Phone Activation

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- *From:* "kurttrail" <dontemailme@xx>
 - *Date:* Fri, 17 Jun 2005 14:07:49 -0400
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Manny Borges wrote:

> Wow, you have a warped view of yourself and of ethics.
>

Why, thank you. Coming from someone that I have never heard of before, your opinion really means OH so much to me! ;-)

>> NEED?! Please! Who the hell are you to tell another human being
>> what they NEED to do?! You NEED to mind your own business. You
>> aren't providing technical assistance, you are preaching your
>> immoral business rights over human right morality!
>
> The user in question here is in violation of the EULA.

And you know this, because MS has proven it in a court of law?

SCO has sued IBM for breaching the terms of the UNIX license, among other things. IS IBM IN VIOLATION OF THE UNIX LICENSE JUST BECAUSE SCO CLAIMS IT?

If not, then neither is the OP in violation of MS's post-sale shrinkwrap license, just because YOU claim that the OP is!

> This is a
> MICROSOFT hosted board.

Actually it is a microsoft PUBLIC newsgroup that happens to have a very stupid web interface for those too stupid to be able to setup a newsreader to read a newsgroup. But what it is doesn't really matter, since this isn't China and I'm allowed to post my pro-democracy doctrines!

> Do you honestly think anyone should be giving
> advice that is in direct opposition to Microsoft's best interests?

MS's best interest isn't my concern. I'll leave that to their shareholders to worry about. I'm more concerned about the best interests of the individual consumer that is being trampled by a proven predatory monopoly, and proven IP infringer.

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> Do

> you even think its a good idea given who may be moderating the board?

Do you live in some country that is run by some repressive regime that sends those that exercise their right to free speech to dissent to gulags?

> I am not saying that MS is a great force of good in the world, but
> they do specifically provide resources and they actively place
> technology into their products to stop software piracy.

Show me one court precedent that shows definitively that an individual that installs the same copy of software on more than one computer is not a legitimate "fair use" and is in legal fact software piracy. Just because you and Microsoft and the rest of the colluding members of the BSA trust CLAIMS it is a software piracy doesn't make it so! So unless you can legally prove it is piracy, where I live, the burden of proof lies on the accuser, not the accused, and your legally unsubstantiated opinion is totally meaningless drive!

> I am not saying they are an evil giant either; MS has made incredible
> steps foward in the computer technology field.

Big Deal.

> There is a reason that
> everyone uses MS windows.

It is the only OS that major OEMs have sold on desktop PCs for over a decade. People have learned to use their computers using MS software and other software that will only run on a MS OS, and there is no viable competition YET, for the majority of PC owners, to run another OS.

> The spend huge amounts in research and
> development.

And the margin on windows is nearly as high as the markup on illegal drugs!

> They make a good product.

Doesn't give them the right to try to limit an individuals right to "fair use."

> Rail against them all you
> want, but its true. (I've been a computer pro since the days of DOS 5
> and I have seen competing products come and go)

Still has nothing to do with me.

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- > If you want to use a single copy of an OS on multiple PCs then go use
- > Linux.

My other computer runs on Linux.

- > Lets see how much you love using it.

It has good and bad points, just like Windows.

- > Oh yeah...

Yeah!

- >> Not if it has been over 120 days since the previous installation.
- >> Not if you phone activate.
- >>
- >> The ONLY thing that will prevent activating would be if the OP
- >> directly told a PA phone Rep that XP was installed on two computer
- >> simultaneously. And after this thread, that is not very probable!
- >
- > So you are actively proposing to use social engineering to defraud a
- > major corporation?

No. I am advocating that people decide for themselves who has the right to tell them what they can and cannot do in the privacy of their own home, with the technology that was legally sold to them, for their private non-commercial use.

- > Smart.

Thank you, but I just consider myself to be well-informed.

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- > "kurtrail" wrote:
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- >> Jupiter Jones [MVP] wrote:
- >>> Mark;
- >>> If you installed it on 2 computers, you have violated the EULA you
- >>> agreed. One license, one computer, the way it has always been with
- >>> consumer Microsoft operating systems since at least Windows 95.
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- >> Actually since Windows 3.1. It's been 13 year as of April. And in
- >> all that time of claiming that this commercial use term also applies
- >> to individual that have "fair use" rights that the copyright owner
- >> has not right to limit, MS has never sued, let alone won one case
- >> enforcing this term on an individual in a real court of law.
- >>
- >> And that MS hasn't even attempted to legally enforce their EULA
- >> claim in all that time despite them knowing that people have ignored
- >> their claim, their lack of due diligence can be used against them if
- >> they EVER try to sue somebody in the future. And they are many

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>> reasons why MS's EULA claim against individuals is most probably
>> unenforceable in a REAL court of law, and that is the main reason MS
>> has NEVER, and never sue an individual over it, because they are
>> likely to lose, especially if such a case made it up to the Supreme
>> Court.

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>>> If you want Windows XP on two computers, you need to buy two.

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>>> This did not cause your current problem, but it probably will
>>> prevent you from activating when you do resolve the problem.

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>>> Buy another and perform a Repair Installation:

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

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>>> "Mark" <Mark@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message

>>> news:CA4A0CD2-9188-41BC-B039-CB0CC780993A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

>>>> I bought Windows XP Home Edition and used it on two computers.

>>>> When I put it

>>>> on my second computer, I lost the ability to get on the internet,

>>>> and couldnt

>>>> activate it that way. I then tried to call the number, but the

>>>> toll free number was something else and the toll number had been

>>>> disconnected. Now I

>>>> can't get on to my desktop without activating it, and I can't

>>>> uninstall it without getting on my desktop. How do I get on my

>>>> computer? --

>>>> Mark

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Peace!

Kurt

Self-anointed Moderator

microscum.pubic.windowsexp.gonorrhea

<http://microscum.com/mscommunity>

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

"Produkt-Aktivierung macht frei"

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