

Re: XP Service Pack 3

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"Bob" <goff1234@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:363ch1d8jm95s591fg9b3peir0m34lfpk@xxxxxxxxxxx>
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no 2006.

- > the name is misleading. IE7 is not a browser update. It is only a
- > WinXP SP2 patch.

no it is a new version of IE, with feature and functional changes, in both
the versions on Windows Vista and also on Windows XP SP2.

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- > Windows versions,

correct – all our other operating systems are out of mainstream support,
including Windows 2000.

- > much less on any other operating system. In other
- > words, Microsoft is dropping Internet Explorer, blending browser
- > functionality fully into Windows,

no actually IE7 is more detached from the OS than previous versions of IE.

- > in order to force their customers to
- > accept Internet browsing as a Windows function in future versions of
- > the operating system.

It is already that in Windows XP today.

- > This leaves a somewhat odd situation for users
- > of any Windows version other than XP with Service Pack 2 installed.
- > Internet Explorer is already outdated, lacking support for current Web
- > standards such as Cascading Style Sheets.

Yes and all those older version of Windows are no longer under mainstream
support

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- > The last real update of IE
- > was in 2001. When Windows 2000 support ends (planned for 2010),
- > Win2000 users will have an Internet Explorer browser installed that
- > has not been updated for 9 years!

2010 is only the end of extended support. this is only for paid for support for bug fixes/problems and not new enhancements etc.

see

<http://support.microsoft.com/gp/lifecycle>

for more about what we mean by mainstream and extended support.

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Regards,

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- > In a January 2005 interview,
- > http://news.com.com/Gates+taking+a+seat+in+your+den/2008-1041_3-5514121.html
- > Bill Gates was asked about the fact that people are abandoning
- > Internet Explorer for security reasons. He responded,
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- > "Well, no one invests more in security of their browser than what we
- > do on IE. The key message we have for people is they should turn on

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> auto update because if you turn on auto update....you can know that
> there are hundreds of very smart people who are constantly improving
> your browser and making sure that you're safe. And so with auto update
> and IE, you're getting the top security team and the quickest response
> team that there is anywhere."
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> It's understandable that Bill Gates would want to show IE in a good
> light, but there's a comic irony in his statement: At the moment that
> Bill Gates was speaking those words, while the latest version of
> Internet Explorer was pestering people about downloading "untrusted"
> files, it was also being attacked by mere webpages
> <http://www.techworld.com/news/index.cfm?newsID=2897>, through bugs
> present in the latest update
> http://news.com.com/IE+flaw+threat+hits+the+roof/2100-1002_3-5517457.html
> of WinXP SP2 that allow code to be run on a client computer by just
> visiting a webpage using IE. Those "hundreds of very smart people"
> comprising the "quickest response team", working "constantly" for over
> two months, had yet to come up with a solution to make it safe for
> WinXP users to just open a webpage in Internet Explorer.
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> On Wed, 31 Aug 2005 11:53:20 -0400, "Peter" <ex-brit AT rogers DOT
> com> wrote:
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>>Not that what you say has anything to do with this at all. They are
>>fixing
>>I.E. and have been from the very beginning. IE7 next year.
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> --
> Bob

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