

Re: HOWTO: How to remove VX2 spyware (the latest and worst versions)

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dude wrote:

- >> I agree that SP2 and other updates should be installed. I also know
- >> that sometimes they can't be other methods of security can be just
- >> as effective.
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- > The problem is when NONE of the methods are implemented – not even the
- > easy ones, like enabling Automatic Updates.
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- > Installing SP2 costs nothing. Software incompatible with SP2 is very
- > rare, PLUS there's no reason why normal security vulnerability updates
- > should not be installed.

Automatic Updates gets you SP2 :-). There are many other updates that also cause problems with some programs. Don't get me wrong. I think if at all possible all critical updates should be installed. It is not always possible. If the admin is so bad at his job why is the whole network not infected? As everyone is telling you your friend is at least partly to blame. Is the admin against using Firefox or Netscape? Is your friend's computer a laptop? Were they connecting through a router? Even with SP2 and all updates it is still possible to get the malware you talked about in your original post. Both can be installed by drive by but are usually installed along with another program or "a needed plugin to view this website". All the protection in the world won't stop malware from installing if you tell it to :-)

Kerry

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