

Re: cquirke – What about "Quick Poll: What do you use Safe Mode for?" ?

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Thanks for the explanation.

"cquirke (MVP Windows shell/user)" <cquirkenews@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:cp4qr1tmc5gm4506b78flq53ojepvp9v3a@xxxxxxxxxx

> On Wed, 4 Jan 2006 20:33:14 -0500, "Marianne B."

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>>hey cquirke – I don't remember ever seeing your explanation

>>as to why you posted:

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>>Quick Poll: What do you use Safe Mode for?

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>>back in December of last year.

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>>Last thing I can find from you about this on Google is:

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>>" Oh boy, are we gonna have fun!

>>For now, I'm just asking. I'll be telling later ;-)"

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>>So what's the story? Did I miss your follow-ups?

>>I'm really curious about what you were getting at.

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> heh heh... sorry to tease for so long!

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> What happened was, debate was raging on whether Safe Mode was safe

> enough for malware intervention. The bottom line; for malware, Safe

> Mode isn't (always safe enough).

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> What happened next was that Safe Mode's unsafety was defended on the

> basis that Safe Mode was never intended to be malware-safe.

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> That prompted a number of questions, such as "if Safe Mode is not the

> recommended platform for malware detection and cleanup, then what is?"

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> Because the need to scan for malware is huge, not only to manage

> malware where it is known to be present, but to exclude it as a factor

> in every single case where a poorly-delineated problem has to be

> troubleshoot. IMO it should be SOP before doing anything else on an

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- > unknown PC, such as adding new hardware or software to it.
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- > Only the most abysmal huge OEM would routinely wipe and re-install
- > everything as a standard first response to any sort of ill-defined
- > problem, as a way to "exclude malware". Then again, this is the main
- > sort of OEM MS has to interact with, so they may be taking this nadir
- > as the "darkness standard" on such matters?
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- > Anyway, at one time I had various folks from a large software vendor
- > maintaining with blue-eyed innocence that really, no-one ever
- > suggested Safe Mode had any role in malware management, so why
- > complain that it is insufficiently suited for such purpose?
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- > That was a bit of a jaw-dropper, given that the advice to scan and
- > manage malware from Safe Mode is ubiquitous across all forums where
- > such topics arise. Right now, there will be a number of such threads,
- > including in this newsgroup.
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- > So, how did everyone get this so wrong for so many years, and how did
- > this large software vendor not notice for all this time?
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- > Hence the poll: I wanted to see whether folks out there were
- > considering malware management as a major purpose of Safe Mode.
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- > Don't pay malware vendors – boycott Sony
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• **References:**

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