

Re: A whine about MS and WGA

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Today Jeff commented courteously on the subject at hand

Microsoft has really gone too far, I totally agree!! In fact;even with a valid XP copy; I still totally disagree with their underhanded methods. It is up to me as to what programs I want to have installed and I didnt catch it at first,because at a glance it looked alot like the Windows Genuine Validation tool; and I figured it was just a patch. Then I come to find out that;# 1–there is no easy uninstall in add/remove(in fact if you try;it states that you cannot remove KB905474) and#2 (which is what truly offends me) it reports back to MS ;everytime I connect to the internet; it's "findings" . MS better straighten this out or Apple and open source will have alot of new customers. I'm lucky enough to have the luxury of not having to use windows; but I truly feel that MS is going to shoot themselves in the foot over this. Especially when the media catches on. Jeff

While I obviously agree – in principle – I am a practical man. M\$ didn't do this on a whim. You, me, and the hundreds of millions of people that have made him a couple hundred /billionaire/ willingly gave him your Visa card and eagerly snapped up each new, more invasive/intrusive "authentication" scheme.

There really isn't a viable solution except to boycott anything M\$, which right now will be about as successful as bailing out the Pacific Ocean. But, the Chinese say "a journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step", and that step is to vote with your Visa card, and /not/ whine in a M\$-sponsored peer-to-peer NG.

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ATM, aka Jerry

"Gentleman, you can't fight in here, this the War Room!" – From the movie 'Dr. Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and

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Love the Bomb'

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