

# Re: Windows Genuine Advantage

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Rhonda Lea Kirk wrote:

And that's fine. Just try to understand that to some of us, it's both offensive and intrusive.

I paid for my software, and I shouldn't have to keep proving that I did long after the purchase. No other vendor—of any kind—makes me do that, and I don't see why Microsoft should have the right to make me dance on a string because I use its product.

Absolutely. In the real world, if the police kept knocking on your door and asking to look round your house to see if you had any stolen stuff, it would be considered an infringement of civil liberties. This is even worse, since many people have updates set to automatic, so it's like the police marching in and looking round without even asking. Microsoft should not even be using the automatic update mechanism for a purpose that has nothing to do with updates.

I have to use Windows because knowing about it and developing software for it is how I make a living, but the day I retire I shall wipe it off and install Linux, and never buy another Microsoft product. That's how I feel about Microsoft's policy.

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