

## Re: What is SP2 doing – apart from trashing everybody's PC??

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Here's my take on the matter, as I, one individual who will post the good or positive on the upgrade. I have installed SP2 on 6 home computers since it was released to the public and have yet experienced any problems. Call me "Lucky", or maybe what most MVP's are telling the public is true.

1. Do your homework before installing, i.e.: drivers, software updates
2. BACKUP all important data
3. Keep your OS as clean as possible. i.e.: antivirus, spyware removal, defrag
4. Use newsgroups, search for subjects that may pertain to your situation

I have too much hardware crap to list, so I'm going to spew on about that. All I know is that I practice "safe" computing. I'm behind a hardware firewall and have zonealarm on all my boxes. I'm not at all scared to dive into the registry if needed. Followed all the Release Candidate posting by people who knew what they were doing by installing SP2. Searched the internet for more articles than I care to remember about the pitfalls of SP2.

With all this in mind, I took the plunge and downloaded the entire SP, burned to a disk and also stored on my server. 1 Computer was updated by using the disk. 4 computers were updated with the file stored locally on the HD. The last box, and probably the most important was my wife's work system, which I updated using the auto-update feature. Any errors to that one and my life becomes a living hell!!! I even let my wife perform this one.

Systems networked throughout the house:

Gateway laptop 1.8mhz Audio/Video connected to stereo  
Sager laptop 2.4mhz my main box as desktop replacement  
Gateway Desktop 1.8mhz wife main work  
Intel Dual Xeon 600mhz file server  
Gateway laptop 1.8mhz daughters school computer  
AMD K6-500 dual boot w/ Linux

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So Far, I have had only one issue with SP2, and that was because of some screwy codecs after installing WMP10. Un-installed WMP, restored to an earlier date and was fine afterwards.

So I guess what I'm trying to say is that if more people would take the time to do some research on this subject matter instead of just installing because some friend said to, then maybe their computing experience would be a bit better. SP2 really doesn't look like much of an upgrade from the average person's view, but it is much more than that. Most of the changes were made at the OS Core level. Functionality hasn't really changed at all.

I'm by no means any authority on this matter, nor are my opinions meant to be. I'm just an average user. I don't have an A+, MSCE, MVP, anything else MS might think I need. I'm just someone who enjoys computers, likes to tinker and experiment, but also understand the reality of the Internet world and that people make it go 'round. Whenever there's a human element involved.....

Thanks for Listening

"Hugh" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:338f01c49e88f8a2dba0\$a401280a@phx.gbl...

- > *Do I detect a thread here, lotsa people seem to be*
- > *updating to XP SP2 and then start losing things like*
- > *soundcards, lan ports, printers, scanners, drives,*
- > *removable drives*
- >
- > *Is it me – am I paranoid or has MS screwed it up*
- > *completely???*
- >
- > *Hugh*