

Re: "Advisor" for XP-2?

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No, Will. I was asking about the possible existence of a pre-SP2 installation diagnostic utility (maybe an updatable one) that would work similar to the XP Upgrade Advisor diagnostic utility does. I appreciate but already have tons of links to documents (including the ones you gave), and it's impossible for me to keep up on all the potential problems that SP2 might cause were SP2 to be applied even to an infection-free system -- the *documented* info is too scattered, hard to find, hard to determine if applicable, and requires too much system inventorying to make it practical for what a repair shop can charge for labor time. Best thing I've found so far is this link: <http://www.michna.com/kb/WxSP2.htm> and that prints out to nearly 20 pages of problems to be avoided! It's best copied to a word processor so that it can be searched against an inventory of user installed programs. No, a utility to do such a search is definitely over due and disparately needed in the service industry! Maybe MS will come out with one, like right away (yesterday would be ok). And yes I know about HDD image backups; that's fine for desktops, not so practical for laptops.

And while I'm on my soap box. Isn't there a MS authored article indicating that the user should not install SP2 until the system is known to be clean of malware? If so, then how can it be assumed by the auto update process that a system that has no firewall activated and/or does not have updated antivirus should get SP2 applied? Isn't it just unconscionable that such circumstances can result in a BSOD that seemingly can not be recovered from, perhaps causing great financial distress in result, when the system owner was doing exactly what MS recommends -- automatic updates? Where is that utility I spoke of, why isn't it available for manual usage, and why isn't it automatically used before SP2 gets applied automatically? <sigh>

"Will Denny" <willdenny@mvps.org> wrote in message
news:OA6%23zFAnEHA.556@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> *Hi*

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> *Please try the following articles:*

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> *"Windows XP Service Pack 2"*

> <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/default.mspx>

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> *"What to Know Before You Download and Install Windows XP Service Pack 2"*
> http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/sp2_whattoknow.mspx
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> *Will Denny*
> *MVP – Windows Shell/User*
> *Please reply to the News Groups*
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> *"WinGuy" <no_spam@nomail.bot> wrote in message*
> *news:Pph2d.16204\$QJ3.13447@newssvr21.news.prodigy.com...*
> *>I find the Windows XP Advisor utility*
> *> <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/home/upgrading/advisor.mspx> is really*
> *> nice for preparing to upgrade from something other than XP. Is there a*
> *> similar automated utility to use before upgrading XP SP-1 to SP-2? I'm*
> *> aware*
> *> of the various text based articles that point out potential problems*
that
> *> might exist before installing SP-2, but those are unweildly to try to*
use
> *> because inventorying things by hand and then trying to find out with*
> *> everything I service if anything represents a potential problem is*
> *> unreasonable and impractical!*
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