

Re: XP updates – Validation Tool

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Perhaps you can be more specific about "Windows Update users paying for their mistakes".

What mistakes?

Update is update as far as I'm concerned. If Microsoft insist that we're all better off using their update service, I would at least expect it to function correctly. I installed the original Validation Tool as part of an update ages ago. Why does it now insist that I do so again before I can avail myself of current updates, and then fail to install?

Is that a mistake on my part? I think not.

Try and have a little sympathy and understanding for the unsuspecting, honest users who have done everything they think that they are supposed to.

Chris

"M and D" <m_and_d@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:yOOdnVCWuerjdpvZRVn-qw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

"...that this tool...has been promulgated and released with insufficient testing."

The validation tool has been available on Microsoft's website for more than a year. Only recently did Microsoft begin offering it through Windows Update.

Windows Update is often the place where users pay for their mistakes.

Steven

"Natsman" <Chris.kaley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:z8Sdnb1LxrhLf5vZnZ2dnUVZ_sOdnZ2d@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

On the contrary.

Many users have installed successfully, (I have on some machines) but equally, a large number have not for reasons they cannot ascertain, which indicates to me (and them) that this tool (or update thereof) has been promulgated and released with insufficient testing. If it was perfectly OK, then there would not be such a widespread failure rate. So I think it IS

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Microsoft's fault.

Chris

"M and D" <m_and_d@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:fK2dnVQ1DbtWQJvZRVn-vw@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
I had no problem with the update, so it can't be Microsoft's fault.

Steven

"Natsman" <Chris.kaley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:7bidnVdTG5PVRJvZRVn-uA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

It would seem that there is a myriad of threads about this on the
microsoft.public.windowsupdate newsgroup.

The general concensus is that there is a problem with the update, and
that
Microsoft are at fault, and as yet don't appear to acknowledge that fact
(or
endeavour fix it).

One MVP, a Carey Frisch, suggests that we who all THINK we have a
legitimate
version of XP are disillusioned. I took particular exception to this
premise...

Microsoft, please fix it...

Chris

"Dave English" <dave.english@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
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In message <5ZednXtJVIG-MZvZ4p2dnA@xxxxxxxxxxxx>,
Natsman
<Chris.kaley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> writes

I am trying to install the following, as it
seems necessary before I can
continue with security updates:

Windows Genuine Advantage Validation
Tool (KB892130)

But it fails each time.

I have been through a similar process before
(some months ago)
successfully,
and I know that my copy of XP (SP) is
genuine – I've been successfully

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updating security patches automatically until
a day or so ago.

Anyone any ideas why this Validation Tool
should fail to install?

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