

Re: SP2 is a problem

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You miss the point....Microsoft went to great lengths to make sure that those that were not "ready" for SP2 would not get it. The choice was yours. You were not *FORCED* to take it. You had the option of turning off automatic updates, which MS recommended if you had any doubts about upgrading. No one came into your home/office and put a gun to your head. You did not have to accept the balloon when it came up telling you about the download. You had more than one way to stop it. The fault is yours, not Microsoft's. I have 28 machines of varying vintages and configurations that I am responsible for. I read the recommendations from Microsoft. I made sure that my computers were up to date with BIOS, drivers, etc. I checked to see if there would be any conflict with my existing hardware. I made sure prior to installation of SP2 that there were no issues with any of the machines and the existing installation of Windows. Finally, I made sure that I imaged each of the drives before I allowed them to be upgraded. You did none of this. On all 28 of my machines, the installation went flawlessly. I had a minor problem on one machine after reboot, but reinstalling the NIC driver solved that. Each of the 28 machines is running smoothly, and many are noticeably faster than before.

I have no sympathy for you. Your attitude is such that you feel like Microsoft left you no choice but to install, which is completely false. IF you truly feel that violated, then I strongly recommend that you wipe your drive and install your preferred flavor of Linux. IF you can;t even handle a user-friendly OS like Windows, you certainly could not handle any of the other OSes out there.

You were not violated. You were lazy.

Bobby

"Ellen" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:342301c48f2f\$44bcdf40\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

>I work on the internet daily and know much more about
> computers than the average user. Those average users are
> paying to keep Microsoft in business. SP2 should not have
> been released until it was ready. We'll see what happens;
> maybe it will install smoothly for most. It's too soon to

> tell.
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> *I take issue with anyone suggesting that it's the
> customer's responsibility to know the intricate workings
> of a complex product. Maintenance yes; beyond that, the
> responsibility lies with the manufacturer.*
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>>-----Original Message-----
>>*What you feel about the idea of a new computer does not
> change the
>>facts.*
>>*If you feel the idea was "condescending and
> unprofessional", that is
>>your opinion about another fact.*
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>>*Do you want SP-2 with minimal problems and fully
> functional
>>immediately?*
>>*Or are you able to learn a little bit and do what is
> necessary to get
>>an existing computer working with SP-2?*
>>*If someone is incapable or unwilling to do the second,
> how is that
>>"condescending and unprofessional" to suggest they may
> need a new
>>computer?*
>>*That would be a bad choice for many, but if they want it
> all and now,
>>that is their choice and not Microsoft's or anyone
> else's.*
>>*Or are you closed minded to possible options?*
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>>*Is there any major software of any kind available that
> would not pose
>>similar problems if installation was attempted on a
> nearly infinite
>>variety of computers in this large a number?
>>That is exactly why many buy computers specifically to
> support a
>>mission essential item.*
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>>*If you feel "Microsoft forced the SP-2 on me with no
> warning of all
>>its PROBLEMS", you did not take the time to learn about
> SP-2 in the
>>months before release.*
>>*Microsoft alone had published a great deal of data about
> SP-2 in the
>>months preceding release.*

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>>*If you did not know it was only because you did not look*
> *for the easy*
>>*to find information.*
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