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Pdigmking wrote:

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List of fixes that are included in Windows XP Service Pack 3
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/946480/>

The article clearly states that the list of fixes it shows were added to SP3 only. If you want to know what was included in SP2 or SP1a – they have links in the article. ("The following fix list includes only the updates that were added in Windows XP SP3.")

So – out of those 1174 additional fixes (yes – there are 1174 listed in SP3 alone) – how many do you have installed Post-SP2? I had about 100–120 on a good day. ;–)

I went to the website, and looked at the entire list. I choose 5 security patches randomly, and found that all five have already been installed via the automatic update. Well, it wasn't exactly random, I started with the last update on the list, or the most recent, and went back from there. Obviously that list does is not comprised of never- before released, only included in SP3 patches and updates. If I understand you correctly, you're saying that there's a 1174 fixes in there that I don't have. Again, what am I fixing? Nothing is currently broken. Obviously I don't need those fixes or I'd be here complaining about some problem I'm having and trying to find out which patch to download. I couldn't find a security patch in SP3 that I don't already have.

Incorrect – I am saying that there are 1174 patches there – of which I do guarantee you do **not** have ALL of them installed. You may very well have

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100–150 of them installed. I never said those patches were ONLY release in SP3 – I said they were included in SP3 – not SP2 or SP1a.

Don't want it – don't download it – you realize my whole point is that no one cares what you do wit