

Re: Win Update Alert – OK – Disappears til later

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 - *Date:* Thu, 19 Mar 2009 01:38:56 +0100
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Harry Johnston [MVP] wrote:

Alias wrote:

You mentioned spyware. This obviously isn't spyware then.
More like a nuisance to very few.

Very few? How about over 30,000 in the USA alone?:

<http://social.microsoft.com/Forums/en-US/category/genuine/>

That's 30000 posts, not 30000 people, and that forum isn't restricted to the USA.

There are 7351 threads, and a random sampling suggests that a sizable proportion of these are not related to false positives, so let's say 5000 people.

There's something like a billion people in the developed part of the world, let's figure one relatively modern computer per ten people, half of which run Windows and have WGA installed; that's 50 million WGA installations.

5000 divided by 50 million is one in 10000. So, yes, I'd consider that a small risk. (For purposes of comparison, about one in 7000 people are killed in car accidents per year in the USA.)

Harry.

Not a risk I am willing to take. I have better things to do with my time than fight a false positive with some asshole at Micro\$lut. That, and the fact that WGA will not improve my computer one iota, leads me to believe that installing it is stupid. Getting into a car isn't all that smart either, although, to be fair, one will not get killed by installing WGA/N ;–)

Alias

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Alias

How do you get your updates then? Automatic Update checks as well. Just a different way.

Alias

Alias

"Alias"
wrote:

Gis
Bun
wrote:

And
you
can
choose
not
to
install
it
[and
hide
it]
with
a
"custom"
check.

Not
that
one,
the
Activex
one.
You
are
referring
to
WGA/N.

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Alias

"Alias"
wrote:

Gis
Bun
wrote:

You
can
always
go
to
the
Windows
Update
site
and
download
the
updates.
No
sense
in
putting
off
the
security
updates.

There's
one
good
reason
not
to
go
to
the
Windows
Update
and
that
is
that
there
is
spyware

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waiting
for
you
there
in
the
form
of
WGA.

Alias

"Craig
S"
wrote:

Thank
you.
It's
easier
to
live
with
something
if
you
know
there's
no
fix
for
various
quirks.

"Alias"
wrote:

Craig
S
wrote:

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SP3

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common
and
no
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has
been
made
available
that
I
know
of.
Having
patience
is
the
only
thing
that
works.
I'm
waiting
on
the
yellow
shield
to
reappear
as
I
type
this
;-)

Alias