
Subject: Re: Microsoft has a backdoor into XP and Vista systems

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Considering that WGA has already been cracked and the folks with pirated copies can therefore get away with it anyway... yes, there is a point to moaning about WGA, because although it is somewhat inconvenient for a pirate to find a way around it, it is possible to do so.

It is a stupid tool designed to do something which is not possible, and it serves only to inconvenience the people who bought their OS legally. I'll go right on moaning about it just as long as I damn well please to; you may feel free to take it up the ass every time MS decides it wants more DRM if that is your desire.

edit and that is my primary concern which arises from this shadow updating business- what if MS decides it wants to install more DRM measures on everyone's systems, just in case? What if, unlike WGAN, they actually do interfere with how you choose to use your computer- i.e. what programs you run, what files you modify, etc? What if you never knew they'd done it until you went and tried to do something you've done a hundred times before and some little message popped up telling you that it wasn't allowed anymore?

MS has come forward and stated that they only use their little backdoor to update Windows Update itself, but if they can use it to modify one set of files then they can most certainly modify more, and I don't have much faith in the whole "oh, they'd never try it" argument. Sony has done it already- even if they were ultimately shot down, many were affected before that happened- and MS is a lot bigger with a lot more to lose from piracy. Unless I get a written statement, legally binding, guaranteeing that MS won't use this backdoor in such a way, I as a consumer have no reason whatsoever to believe that they'll keep their word on this. Their stated position is current company policy; it may not reflect their policy three years or even three months down the road.
