

Remember the little "No information is being sent to Microsoft at this time... during updates? Wait, why am I laughing?"

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Re:Haha (Score:5, Funny)

by [duckpoopy \(585203\)](#) on 8:13 Wednesday 26 February 2003 (#5386538)

Their defense: The information is sent right before this message appears

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Re:Haha (Score:5, Insightful)

by [Ian Wolf \(171633\)](#) on 8:13 Wednesday 26 February 2003 (#5386538)

A coworker of mine actually argued with me one day that "No information really meant nothing, nada, zilch was sent back to MS.

I should have taken him out back and beaten him with a frozen salmon.
How do they know what patches you need if they can't look at your system and tell their servers what you've already got.

The fact that the program takes the time to rifle through the system is a surprise to me. While, I think the practice stinks it hasn't stopped me from using the service though. Given the choice between MS finding my installation or some script kiddie looting my system, I'll choose the former.
"The words of the prophets are written on the Slashdot walls."

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Re:Haha (Score:5, Insightful)

by [AyeRoxor! \(471669\)](#) on 8:17 Wednesday 26 February 2003 (#5386538)

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"I should have taken him out back and beaten him with a frozen salmon.
Hello!? How do they know what patches you need if they can't look at your system and tell their servers what you've already got."

They could send a complete list of available patches to your system and let the client running on your computer pick which ones are needed without Microsoft ever knowing what software you have installed. Granted, they could deductively determine what hardware you use based on what patches you then request, but since you can only download patches for Microsoft software, the best they could do would be to determine what hardware and Microsoft software you currently have installed.

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