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Everyday I have to deal with programs that are silently installing themselves to unsuspecting users. I know that most game sites - casino and children games- and also all the Midi/Lyric websites automatically install programs that run in the background.

Affects are: Taking over an individuals homepages, not letting them access the internet at all, slowing the computer down to the point it stops responding, pop-ups every time you open your IE. Now I have two to three programs running to protect my clients: anti-virus and spy ware programs. One spy ware program catches what the other misses.

I just don't understand the logic of the companies who are distributing these programs. Whoever got people to use their product by making the consumers computer inoperative? Tell me where the good advertising/marketing is with this method? It's as if they are bullying consumers.

Anything that can be done would be wonderful. I know spyware software companies can name websites that are doing these silent downloads and I can name a few myself - can we report them somewhere? It's sad when a kid downloads a Disney game and then their computer stops working - soon there won't be any safe sites for them.

Aloha  
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