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Dear,

Spyware programs have invaded the privacy of millions of Internet consumers without their knowledge (the last AOL study about this is alarming). They launch unsolicited advertising, monitor the surfer habits, transmit personal information, and the system which it is installed is no longer stable... They are installed through deceptive practices (such as distributing free screensavers, free wallpapers, free games, free applications etc...) and they hide them behind a very long customer agreement that nobody read (if any). Spyware are also redundant and once multiple spywares are installed, the consumer can experience a complete crash of its computer, and will need to format and reinstall all its applications, and can lose important data.

There is also a bigger problem in this: the theft of the people working in the Internet industry. The spyware companies target websites that do the same business as their advertisers (or competitors), and once the surfer visit the site of company A, it gets a big ad for company B in front of the company A website!! I call that theft. Imagine a similar situation in the real life!

In conclusion, I wish that the FTC do something to ban this plague, as we already have enough with email spam in my opinion.

Thanks for reading.

Sincerely,
Cedric