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re: "Monitoring Software on Your PC: Spyware, Adware, and Other Software"

Let's see....."Your PC..." ... that means it's mine..... I paid for the hard drive & have the right to determine who is allowed to place data on it. By merely venturing onto the internet, I do not forego any right to maintain this right that comes from sole & complete ownership of the hard drive. Am I allowed to place my own cookie or spyware on some company's mainframe? It would be viewed quite differently I'm sure.

I must already be concerned with RFID's already built into my new computer (and clothes, groceries & everything else) or any software I buy. I must register with literally everyone to run their software. I have 10 passwords now & I'm supposed to change them regularly. My grocery store won't give me their best price unless I agree to allow them to keep tabs on my purchases via their club card. I get unsolicited email with everything from attached viruses to requests for my PIN number.

Exactly what is it that you're debating? Perhaps you are trying to decide if my computer is indeed mine. This is a no brainer. At the point in time that I cannot have complete and exclusive control over what data is put or kept on my personal computer, then it's time for someone to help make the payments. If anyone wants my data they should do it the good ol' American way.....pay me for it.....no one, including Microsoft, DoubleClick or WalMart rides for free.

Thank you,

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