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The advertising industry is becoming more and more aggressive. Telemarketing, infomercials, email spam, and spyware. Spyware is the MOST insidious of the intrusive, in-your-face advertising now done.

It borders on criminal the way some of the poorly written "applications" entice unknowing users to install these trojans/worms on their machines . . . to constantly send ads to the point of bogging down the internet connection and in some cases crash the computer. In some instances, the machine becomes useless as it runs so slowly that it's impossible to use.

I've removed these spyware apps from friends machines. NONE of them knew what the ACTUAL "method of operation" of these apps were, or the ramifications of installing it on their system. They felt dirty, used and abused after full disclosure.

Much like rape.