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As a long time (20+ year) user. I cannot complain more about the two items that threaten the computing commerce community than a) spyware and b) SPAM.

While the legalities and agreements may be buried 20 paragraphs deep into a licencing agreement that must be agreed to prior to using any software, I see spyware as nothing more than breaking and entering into my private property and fraud perpetrated by the writers of this code.

If I think a program software bundle provided value but there is no "opt out" feature for spyware/adware, it is useless to me.

At least with telemarketers, you know who or what you are dealing with and have some minor recourse to avoid dealing with them. Adware/spyware does not allow for ease of detection, blocking of content sent to unknown parties, nor what the content and information being sent to unknown parties.

Worse case would be the gross infection of systems worldwide with adware/spyware that has been developed by enemies such as communist china or non-governmental terrorist organizations for the purpose of launching organized Denial of Service Attacks on US/Western computing networks.

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