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Subject: Re: Microsoft has a backdoor into XP and Vista systems

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I am completely anti-DRM in all aspects; if people buy something, they should be able to use it as they wish, the same as Steve Jobs said in his open letter a while back. This is why I use iTunes, but only because I have enough music that needs management like that and I hate WMP and Winamp, along with the interface being nice (ignoring the resource whoring). But I never buy music from iTunes - yes I use an iPod, but I don't want that DRM shit that comes with music from the iTunes Store. Software piracy doesn't come under DRM in my view.

The target of Microsoft's WGA/OGA isn't pirates who know how to get round it - they will always be able to get round it and that's not going to change imminently. Microsoft targets consumer education, getting them to buy products from them instead of cheap copies, and statistics say it works (for the people they are targetting).

They will always be able to do anything they like to Windows - of course they have this in there. But they won't do anything more than updating the operating system. The EU fined them upwards of £300million just for "restricting" consumers to Microsoft software. Imagine what would happen if they were found to be in breach of privacy laws - it just wouldn't happen. This is why I'm alright with it. Yes, the method is wrong, but nothing bad happens, and no personally identifiable information about what you do/have on your computer is sent.

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