

Tip for April 2007
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Read what I have written carefully as this is a warning about what looks like a good program to get rid of spam but gets into your system and sends out emails on your behalf.

I recently received the following email from one of my clients.

I use a good spam filter, and you probably do the same.
I have whitelisted you and that means that I will receive all the emails you send to me.
I would appreciate it if you would whitelist my email address:
Here was written my client's email address.

If you don't have a spam filter, I can recommend SPAMfighter. It is a highly effective free spam filter for Outlook and Outlook Express.

I replied thanking him for the information and made a note to include this in my April tip. Well, I have, but for different reasons as you will discover by reading further

He then replied to me as follows:

This SPAMfighter system sent out this email without my approval as it appears to have attached itself to my address book Accordingly I have deleted the system as I am most unhappy with this email as it has generated a lot of unnecessary emails and caused me some embarrassment

I have advised the developers why I deleted their system

So be warned – It might look good but it could invade your system.

We have found a new anti-virus program that might help out some people. Ken has been using the new Windows 64bit version and has found that most anti-virus programs have some problems with it. He has found AVAST which is free for home use, although it does require you to register your machine. The registration doesn't cost anything. Once registered you receive an email with the registration code to unlock the program for the next 12 months. I assume that after 12 months you get a new code, but am waiting to see if that is the case.

The site to go to is http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html which links directly to the Home Edition Page and then click on the download button . If you need help, please ring.

This product provides home users with the usual updates and control over Instant Messaging (like MSN), Mail, Network attacks, Outlook, Viruses Web Browsing and Peer to Per (P2P) networks, like Kazaa.

Cheers,

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