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First a word of warning. Before you rush out and buy Vista to install on your machine, I have it from an excellent source that as well as some programs lot of drivers don't work with it – drivers are software that enable printers etc. to run on your machine. As I have said before, wait until Microsoft iron out the bugs.

I am constantly on the lookout for programs that will get rid of viruses, spam etc. and one of my readers, David, has kindly sent the following information.

"I've actually permanently removed the *Grisoft* program from my PC because it apparently and quite probably was responsible for slowing my PC down considerably, as well as interfering with some of my other programs, especially Word.

Dunno why, but it seemed to go bad when *Grisoft* took over, perhaps a coincidence, and after I finally decided to remove it, everything now works well and much faster as before it was installed. It was rather a waste of money IMO.

However I've now installed **XoftSpySE** together with the associated **RegCure** program.

This latter program was accessed to increase my conventional memory, and was suggested by my nephew who is an IT wizz, and until recently was with the IT maintenance section at Macquarie Uni. **RegCure** did just what he said it would do in regards to speeding up my PC's response time in all areas, and that, together with removing the *Grisoft* program and running the **XoftSpySE** program instead, which he also suggested would be better, has now made my PC blindingly fast in comparison to what it was, especially when booting up, which used to take for ever!

The **RegCure** program can be adjusted to operate as needed - I've scheduled mine to run once a month, although you can override this to run it anytime, although generally once is enough over a protracted period for home use.

The **XoftSpy** program is activated automatically to use at boot up if needed, 'X'd out if not, but can be scheduled to run at a convenient time also. Both these programs come from **Pareto Logic** in the States, and are not free, but compare favourably to the *Grisoft* program in regards to cost."

I still like the *Grisoft* products especially since the antivirus is free, so, gentle reader, it is up to you what you use and what you prefer.

Cheers,

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