

## The Microsoft Way (OT)

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This group is probably the best group for OT computer topics, since assembly programmers generally know a lot about computers. I have even read History and Politics lessons in here .....(Beth :-)

Therefore I feel not so bad about bringing on a new OT Topic that has been on my mind for a long time.

For years I have been deprived from REAL access to the internet. Using a Modem, it takes a LONG time to download even the newsgroups. Expensive to. So I am kind of set back, not upto date on many subjects.

But finally I got my own 24/7 permanent connection and can finally stay online to learn more.

My fields has been Win31/win32 programming. During my many hours looking throught the Win API, and testing out features, I have only on rare occations found real bugs. Example was the arrangement of parameters for the JournalPlaybackHooks on Win31 systems. I have found bugs, but most times, any bug in my code, after hours of testing, turned out to be my errors and not the OS. Like with the pchars on Win3.X systems. But still every time I have been furious and called out in rage to the (IMO) stupid syntax of many of the APIs and the strange code in the examples. Only to discover later that I was the problem, for not fully understanding the documentation. But to repeat, bugs I have not found much of. So in general I have not found a reason to really complain. Also free information on internet seems available from MS.

*>From other people, especially youngsters, I have noticed an extreme anger towards MS theese past years. Its seems that a collective hatered has been borned towards this company. And now I see it all over the place. Myself has been in anger because I think MS is not nice to me, in that every new OS, makes my new hardware, run about as slow, or slower than my former hardware. My view is that at this time. After 18 years, the Windows OS should run like a bat out of hell. But the fact is that on my 1500Mhz AMD, its CRAWLS. Compared to games, the shell works like its near death. I noticed that Win95 came with about 50 default DLL loaded, and that Win98 came with about 100 dll default. Many of them seems to have something to with the internet, and that was irritating since I most of the time do not use the internet back then.*

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Other things that irritates me is that there seems to be enabled lots of features by default in their newest operating systems (ME/XP) that I dont like. System Restore, Automatic Update and stuff like that. They allways seem to cause more problems than they solve. All the people I know disable them as fast as they can click. Many times I wonder how ordinary, plain users, can even get their computers running at all. The first time I connected to the Internett on a steady line, I found that 186 mega left my my machine during the 5– first hours. This was bit of a shoock to put it midly.

There was a steady outgoing at about 10–30Kb/s. After some testing we found numerours attacs, services reloaded, the machine rebooted with now chance of aborting etc. I resofterd, and installed a firewall. But this Win2000/XP systems are supposed to be secure ? I find it funny that the OS warns me about entering many of MS websites.....Telling me that this websites dont have a current sertificat or something :-)

Now it seems I have some kind of control. But the MS Messenger autostarts each time I want to read news, even if I have uninstalled the addon that caused it to do that in the first place. I dont want to use messenger, but it seems I am stuck until I find another good newsreader. I like outlook, but NOT that messanger autostarts. I have disabled it from starting along with windows.

What I really want with this long mail, is to get some feedback as to what is empty rumors and what is to be taken for facts regarding all the critics agains MS. Many people seems to hate them. Could we in this discussion try to penetrate what is REALLY the source of this hatred. Is it the bloatedness of the os, the slowness, the OS for dummies MS strategy, or what? Is it the strange, non human format of their C–code, is it the documentaion, all the default features, the loss of control over our PCs ? What is the ten main reason that everybody hates MS :-) ???

So what I am looking for is the TOP 10 reasons why everybody hates MS. Or more.”