

Re: Flash Player

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On 2006-04-24, Harold Stevens <wookie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

In <slrne4qbsp.mo9.rob@xxxxxxxxxxx> Robert M. Riches Jr.:

[Snip...]

I don't give out keys to my premises

IIRC Adode bought Macromedia and thus its Flash "technology" (which like you I refuse to enable, on anything I control). For about a year now, Adobe also has quietly distributed acroread "phone home" spyware:

<http://lwn.net/Articles/129729/>

For that reason, if I must use acroread, I've added this to /etc/hosts:

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# Disable Adobe Acrobat Reader version 7 spyware
# See http://lwn.net/Articles/129729/
# After doing a little research, we found that Adobe's Reader was
# connecting to http://www.remoteapproach.com/remoteapproach/logging.asp
# each time we opened the document.
# Adding the following to your /etc/hosts should also help:
127.0.0.1 www.remoteapproach.com
127.0.0.1 remoteapproach.com
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It **REALLY** ticks me off to have these thieves pawing over my property.

Yikes!

That /etc/hosts idea sounds good.

It also sounds like a good reason to be glad xpdf works for many or most purposes.

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(Yes, that is one of my email addresses.)