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DIABLO2 players take note - YOUR PRIVACY IS IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY !

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I just received this interesting story of privacy invasion that will be of interest to DIABLO2 players. It may be that the DIABLO2 invades your privacy in ways that defy imagination...

During the readers analysis of the recorded registry-access-file he found out that Diablo2 scans for the NSA and the crypto key. Is that needed for collecting "non-personal" information he ask ? The use of a firewall is useless, since all sensitive data will be sent through the ports that are needed to play the game via the battlenet.

He further states that some Diablo2 players have logfiles that were recorded during Diablo2 sessions. Diablo2 collects the following information about the users system:

- the complete registry
 - recent documents
 - my documents
 - my network places
 - recycle bin
- Browserhistory, cookies, etc. etc.

Read on for the full details of what our German friends have discovered...

I'm sure you know the Software gaming company Blizzard and their megaseller Diablo2. Blizzard released Diablo in summer 2000, also nearly 1 year ago. The game has the option to play it in Singleplayer-mod, over a Lan, or over the battlenet (which is free, no extra costs etcetc.).

Since the release, Blizzard patched the game several times, until the current Version 1.06. With this patch Blizzard build in some slight modifications into their battlenet-ToS. Here are the the most interesting points that changed:

-----Blizzard ToS-----

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(iv) that Blizzard has the right to obtain "non-personal" data from your Internet browsing software in order to make certain demographic assumptions regarding the users of Battle.net without any further notice to You (may have skipped a line or more here --

-----End-----

So, the mainpoint is now:

This ToS isn't available at <http://www.battlenet.com> or <http://www.blizzard.com> . There's a privacy statement on these 2 sites but it's completely different from the ToS that's valid for Battlenet.

You'll see this ToS only if you established a connection to the Battlenet-servers. So this "non-personal" data will be sent, no matter if you agree to the ToS or not. Shouldn't it be normal that you'll get the toS before the connection?

We (some Diablo2 players) have logfiles that were recorded during Diablo2 sessions. Diablo2 scans following items on the users system:

- the complete registry
 - recent documents
 - my documents
 - my network places
 - recycle bin
- Browserhistory, cookies, etcetc.

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So we formed a protest-action against Blizzard, we arranged a website with a lil forum. We have a nice petition where user can sign a list to show Blizzard that we won't accept their new ToS. Currently with ~1200 entries within 4 days. We contacted the german federal organisations like data-security bureau etcetc. And from what we can say is...Blizzards actions are Illegal in germany and most of the european states. I dunno how it looks like in the US, since the law is different from state to state.

Btw...our website is here <http://www.eurotux.de/files/diablo2-logs.zip> (most of it is in german, but we're looking ahead making it available in english too). A short description about the action is here: <http://www.diabloitems.net/english/>

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Update ! (Score: 1)

by KublaiKhan on Saturday, May 05 @ 06:51:14 EDT
(User Info) <http://www.eurotux.de>

Update !!

Blizzard opened the Beta-phase for their Diablo2 Exp-pack *Lord of Destruction LoD*.

Here's a short rip from the Beta's ToS:

"... Blizzard reserves the right to update, modify, or change the Battle.net Terms of Use Agreement at any time. ..."

Hell, is that a free ticket to change the ToS to whatever the company likes?

The complete ToS is available here:

<http://www.diabloii.net/xpbeta/xp-signup2.shtml>

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- Blizzard DOES NOT use SpyWare - READ!!!!!! by SuperMorph on Tuesday, May 08 @ 16:28:59 EDT
 - Re: Blizzard DOES NOT use SpyWare - READ!!!!!! by KublaiKhan on Wednesday, May 09 @ 08:55:37 EDT
- Hello, use your brains? Not spyware by Edgewize on Friday, May 11 @ 15:56:54 EDT
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