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Wouldn't Spyware. Maleware. Keyloggers. Hijackers, etc, etc be classified as hacking.

When one downloads a free program and accepts a license saying that there is Adware, this should be acceptable, but nowhere in the agreements is there a mention of any Spyware or any of the other malicious data-mining or re-directing utilities that often accompany such a download.

If one invites another into their home, one does not expect the visitor to gather personal information of the home owner or to begin to control how and where the home owner goes or to record all conversations and phone calls for the visitors use and distribution.

The excuse that visiting a particular web site entitles the web site to install such a detrimental object on ones computer is like saying that to a visit to Disney Land entitles the Sony Corp. to trace one's every move in life and get access to one's bank account.

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