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Sir or Madam:

Sometimes the solution is already present. It is simple, cheap, and effective, that is, if you can encourage the end user to use it. Windows is the dominant desktop, so the solution for Windows users is for the computer makers and Microsoft to cooperate and distribute Spybot Search & Destroy, SpywareBlaster, and SpywareGuard on a disk, along with a simple instruction in configuring the browsers for security. These programs are free now. What is needed is wider distribution. The author of Spybot Search & Destroy, Patrick M. Kolla

<http://www.safer-networking.org/>, and of the latter two, Javacool Software at <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/> are to be commended for providing these very effective programs free. I have used them in conjunction with my antivirus, Trojan-scanner, and firewall--and router, because I have broadband. They are effective. It would be in the interest of government, business, and the health of the internet for their distribution to be subsidized and for them to remain free, but, instead of leaving it to the home-user to discover them, they should be given in a disk at each purchase of a computer.

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