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## **Technology: Typical Windows User Patches Every 5 Days**

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Posted by [timothy](#) on Thursday March 04, @03:47PM  
from the about-how-often-I-shave dept.  
CWmike writes

*"The typical home user running Windows faces the 'unreasonable' task of patching software an average of every five days, security research company Secunia said on Thursday. 'It's completely unreasonable to expect users to master so many different patch mechanisms and spend so much time patching,' said Thomas Kristensen, the company's CSO. The result: Few consumers devote the time and attention necessary to stay atop the patching job, which leaves them open to attack. Secunia says that of the users who ran the company's Personal Software Inspector in the last week of January, half had 66 or more programs from 22 or more different vendors on their machines. ... Secunia has published a white paper (PDF) that details its findings."*



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Submission: Typical Windows User Patches Every 5 Days by [CWmike \(1292728\)](#)  
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### **Seems about right (Score:2)**

by [Stooshie \(993666\)](#)  
There seem to have been loads of updates recently

### **Re: (Score:3, Informative)**

by [ottothecow \(600101\)](#)  
I feel like my ubuntu system has been pestering me with updates far more frequently lately as well...

### **Re:Seems about right (Score:5, Insightful)**

by [Korin43 \(881732\)](#) on Thursday March 04, @04:56PM ([#31363404](#))  
[Homepage Journal](#)  
On a system like Ubuntu, running updates automatically in the background wouldn't be particularly dangerous. That way you only need to pay attention to the updater once every 6 months. After using Linux I don't understand how Windows users put up with the Microsoft updates that frequently fail to install, sometimes require