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I am an experienced computer user and I have no problem with spyware / adware as long as it is clearly stated as to what it is. Very little is free in this world and companies need to generate revenue by one means or another, or they will not be a business for long.

I do however have a big problem with gator and a little program they call "trickler". It is a very small program that can be loaded and installed in your computer so fast that you are not even aware that it has happened, even if your internet connection is a dial-up modem (SLOW). It does this without any communication with you about what is happening. Once it has installed itself on your computer it starts downloading the main payload which is the spyware / adware. All these activities are in stealth mode and downloading of the payload could take days, weeks or months because it waits for you to go on-line to slowly download segments of the payload package. When all of the segments have arrived and are assembled, the ads and spying begins.

If you damage the payload, trickler repairs it. If you remove the payload, trickler replaces it. It is all done in the background and you will not even be aware it is happening until the ads and spying start again.

As I said in my opening sentence, I am an experienced computer user and a careful Web surfer. I have been infected by this program so I know from experience, what I am telling you.

All the best to you,