
Subject: Re: Windows 10 driver signing question
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I just ordered a Comodo code signing certificate that will be valid for the next 3 years. It cost me about \$290 CA. I'm totally fine with paying that for three years of use. The EV certificate would have been \$1800. That's simply ridiculous.

I thought that Windows 8 was a disaster because Microsoft was trying to kill off the desktop and push us into a walled garden where they controlled what could be installed (while taking a 30% cut). We refused to go along, and Windows 10 now allows side loading of universal apps.

Windows 10 is about turning individual users into beta testers for high paying corporate customers. We get the patches first, and Microsoft relies on the non-optional telemetry to make sure everything works 100% before the corporate customers get it a few months later. Our privacy is just the collateral damage of their new business model. I refuse to go along.

The most infuriating part is that they could easily get what they want by making the telemetry opt-out. Most people would never change the default setting. Those that care would turn it off. Everyone would be happy. Maybe they will come to this themselves eventually.

Thanks for being so understanding and supportive, everyone.

Cheers!

Mike
