Subject: SONY cds...WARNING
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Perhaps I am behind times, but while surfing computer info site I have run into a very interesting thing that Sony is doing with their cds. Frankly, I will boycott this crap. they install something called a "CD root kit" in the data, which is a type of copy code protection. When you stick it in your computer, it installs some (way simple and way dangerous) crap in your registry, which is cloaked by the way. It is way simple in that it is easy to defeat, and way dangerous because ANYTHING including ultra malicious crap could also be stuck in here. Once installed, it limits the number of times something can be copied. Decloaking these files and then removing them is easy, but will disable windows based computers, so the the cd rom is useless! there is already tons of info out there on this, as well as cures and preventions. Google search "sony cdroot kit" Most alarming. Myself, while I advocate boycott, I think it might be a good idea to go out and buy just one, save it and the receipt and wait for the class action law suit.Russellc