

Re: Adware "Hijacker" Situation...

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On Sun, 8 Aug 2004 16:53:15 -0400, "Montgomery BOO...URNS" <solitude439@rcn.com> wrote:

>Hello all:

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>Here's the problem I have and maybe someone could help me...

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>First off, I have been using Netscape browser for quite some time now
>instead of IE just for the reason that no matter what security measures I
>would impose through IE itself or through a third party Internet Security
>software, I would still get annoying ad pop-ups when browsing to certain
>websites.

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>Now, I'm using Netscape browser and apparently some sort of adware has been
>installed on my system through Internet Explorer and even though IE isn't my
>default browser this particular adware program launches IE anyway, it's
>incredibly annoying and I can't get rid of it.

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>I had this problem before and the solution was pretty simple. All I had to
>do was go to my Control Panel and Add/Remove Programs and look for any
>unfamiliar programs on the list and uninstall them and it fixed it. This
>time around I did the same thing but apparently whatever this is, it doesn't
>come with an uninstaller and it's not that easy to get rid of.

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>I tried using Spybot and other "REGISTRY CLEANER" programs but I'm still
>having the same problem. I'm guessing that not only was some sort of adware
>bot installed on my system, but whatever it is it's taken over the
>functioning of Internet Explorer and has actually "hijacked" my browsing
>capabilities. Can anyone help me or point me in the right direction to
>getting rid of this adware situation once and for all??

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>TIA

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Spybot is an excellent protective tool – but it may not be the only tool needed. Most adware and spyware does NOT come with an un install applet in Control Panel. Everything named below is free, so you have nothing to lose but time.

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Start by downloading each of the following free tools:

AdAware <<http://www.lavasoftusa.com/>>

CWShredder <<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download4086.html>>

HijackThis <<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download.php?det=3155>>

LSP-Fix and WinsockLSPFix <<http://www.cexx.org/lspfix.htm>>

Create a separate folder for HijackThis, such as C:\HijackThis – copy the downloaded file there. AdAware has an install routines – run it. The other downloaded programs can be copied into, and run from, any convenient folder.

Start by closing all Internet Explorer and Outlook windows, and running CWShredder. Have the latter fix all.

Next, run AdAware. First update it ("Check for updates now"), configure for full scan (<<http://www.lavahelp.com/howto/fullscan/>>), then scan ("Start" – "Use custom scanning options" – "Next"). When scanning finishes, select everything, and hit Next again.

Next, run Spybot S&D again. First update it ("Search for updates"), then run a scan ("Check for problems"). Trust Spybot, and delete everything ("Fix Problems") that is displayed in Red.

Then, run HijackThis ("Scan"). Do NOT make any changes immediately. Save the HJT Log.

<<http://forums.spywareinfo.com/index.php?showtopic=227>>

Finally, have your HJT log interpreted by experts at one or more of the following security forums (and post a link to your forum posts, here):

Aumha: <<http://forum.aumha.org/index.php>>

Net-Integration: <<http://forums.net-integration.net/>>

Spyware Info: <<http://forums.spywareinfo.com/>>

Spyware Warrior: <<http://spywarewarrior.com/index.php>>

Tom Coyote: <<http://forums.tomcoyote.org/>>

If removal of any spyware affects your ability to access the internet (some spyware builds itself into the network software, and its removal may damage your network), run LSP-Fix and / or WinsockXPFIx.

Cheers,

Chuck

Paranoia comes from experience – and is not necessarily a bad thing.