

Extremely odd thing with Giganews DMCA?

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I posted this to alt.privacy this AM. I got an e-mail that I should repost it here. Hope nobody minds.

I was reading APAS a few minutes ago via Giganews.

A message popped up on the screen asking me about transferring bookmarks. I looked at the taskbar and saw it was Firefox. I assumed it was asking me if I wanted to transfer my IE bookmarks to it. Neither IE or Firefox were running at the time.

I answered the popup with OK. Next, Firefox opened up the following page: <http://www.giganews.com/dmca.html>

The only things running at the time were Mercury, OE, and News Agent.

Grisoft AVG, MS Antispyware, and PGP were running in tray.

I should add that the PC is behind a cable modem and a Netgear wireless router though directly connected to the router.

Has anyone else had this happen? I am not now or ever have posted or downloaded any copyrighted materials. I have had this account with them for about 1 1/2 years.

How in the heck did that happen? I checked my Firefox bookmarks and sure enough, it looks like it transferred my IE bookmarks into it. But the page I referred to that popped up was not one of the bookmarked pages.

I should add that this is a new PC. I have only set it up this weekend so there are very few bookmarks. It is a Dell with XP Pro and the way it was shipped included Dell bookmarks. The Dell bookmarks got transferred to Firefox. That is how I know for sure it was Firefox asking to transfer bookmarks.

Anybody have any clues as to what fired things off? Kind of scary. I would hate to think that Giganews can control Firefox on this PC. Should I dump Firefox? Is there some exploit in it? I installed Firefox because I thought it was secure. How the heck could it be remotely turned on? Remember, it wasn't

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running at the time. It was remotely started by someone else.

Could it be I got a trojan? Don't know how. Everything on this PC (not much) is legit software. Nothing strange.

Really wondering what the heck is going on? How? Why that page? Makes me nervous as all get out.

AVG has completed a test of everything without finding anything.

Regards,
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