

## sfxXX.tmp trying to access the internet

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<[Eric\\_Parker\\_spamless@btopenworld.com](mailto:Eric_Parker_spamless@btopenworld.com)> wrote:

>Hello,

>I am seeing messages like "sfxE0.tmp, sfxEA.tmp etc. is trying to access the

>internet" from Zone Alarm when I click on a download file button on a Web

>site.

>I did not grant it access.

>The executable 'sfxXX.tmp' (I didn't think .tmp files were executable)

>disappears shortly after I deny it access.

>Should I be concerned about this ?

>What is it ?

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>Any advice would be appreciated.

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>eric

You should be extremely concerned. The .tmp files are installers.

What's happening is you are downloading ActiveX (a runnable program) embedded in a web page. Virtually all of these are some form of spyware. It's a good thing your IE security settings are set high enough to even notify you

There are instructions on how to stop this at my site ([www.geocities.com/yosponge/browser.html](http://www.geocities.com/yosponge/browser.html)) or there are a myriad of postings in the Google archives.

Out of curiosity, what sites and what did they try and download? One of my specialties is researching this kind of thing.

BTW, I STRONGLY recommend getting the following programs, running their updater, and using them all at least once a week:  
SpyBot S&D

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Ad-Aware 6  
SpywareBlaster

Sponge  
Sponge's Anti-Spyware Source  
[www.geocities.com/yosponge](http://www.geocities.com/yosponge)