

Addestroyer removal

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Please advise as to solution to AdDestroyer removal.
Conducted a system restore in addition to uninstall --- as
you can see from the users below --- this hideously
annoying exe file loads itself causing excessive popup
ads. In just 4 hours as my computer lay dormant --- 98
popup windows were opened. Worse when actually using IE.

Somebody help ---- PLEASE!!!!
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admin
Site Admin

Joined: 01 Jan 1970
Posts: 8

Posted: Fri Aug 29, 2003 10:47 am Post subject:
AdDestroyer.exe and VirtualBouncer.exe

I started this forum and discussion board because when i
googled "AdDestroyer.exe" I didn't get a single hit. I

wanted people to know that the software they think is supposed to be blocking pop-ups (that they don't quite recall installing) is probably responsible for them.

I got infected using Internet Explorer (F'ing Microsoft), just viewing a webpage about the Star Wars Kid. This one is tricky. Somehow it installed the software without asking for permission. AdDestroyer.exe also installs VirtualBouncer.exe (Ad Destroyer & Virtual Bouncer ... sorry, one more time for the search engines). And I'm not sure if it's related or I just picked it up from the same site, but STC.exe (Second Thought) also seems to have installed itself. It comes along with programs a bunch of stc*.*, nCase*.*, and 2nd*.* files. Hopefully, AdAware, and the anti-virus people will get updates soon, but until then, I'll have to watch where I surf.

If you have any more information about how to prevent, unload, or block this software, please post!

Last edited by admin on Sat Sep 13, 2003 5:24 am, edited 2 times in total

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admin
Site Admin

Joined: 01 Jan 1970
Posts: 8

Posted: Mon Sep 01, 2003 1:46 am Post subject:

Okay... After uninstalling Virtual Bouncer from Add/Remove Programs, run AdAware, and then go to your "Internet Options" for IE. Clear out your Temporary Internet Files, delete all your cookies, delete your downloaded program files. This seemed to work for me. Somehow it is running the install program over again after you reboot, so I think the secret is getting rid of it from your cache.

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Anna Z

Joined: 06 Sep 2003

Posts: 1

Posted: Sat Sep 06, 2003 5:39 pm Post subject:
AdDestroyer (not!)

Help! Ack! My Add/Remove will not "allow" me to remove the program. I NEVER downloaded this. That much I know. It's diabolical. The Ad-aware program does not remove it either. I can go to the Find File and find it then trash it, but it comes back.

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ciaran

Joined: 07 Sep 2003

Posts: 1

Posted: Sun Sep 07, 2003 5:13 am Post subject:
destroyer&VB

hehe i also went to that star wars kid site(the one with the fat kid dancing with a pole?) yea well i have all that virtual bouncer msbb.exe ncase stc crap on my cmputer too, ive manually deleted everything i can find to do with them on my computer ive used ad-aware, deleted all my cookies, temp internet files, downloaded program files and it still sumhow keeps installing itself. sometimes when i turn on my computer it says n-case has been uninstalled and ask me if i want to re install or keep it uninstalled but i think no matter which option i choose it still installs it again. press ctrl+alt+delete and ull see bout 4 things running that are linked with them. and what pisses me off the most EVERYTIME i turn on my computer i have to click an ok button 10 times because ad destroyer and virtual bouncer arnt working. any help would be appreciated.

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William
Guest

microsoft.public.security.virus: Addestroyer removal

Posted: Sun Sep 07, 2003 9:03 am Post subject: mine
is abit more annoying

I dont know how i got all those crap too.... after my friend used my com to surf the net they were installed. Is anyone else having pop ups appearing althought the com is not in the internet and whats worse is the pop us never end... every once in a while the pop ups appears. ITS TOTALLY ANNOYING!!!! Everytime i play a game the pop ups appear. I tried deleting the craps but the pop ups never cease. Can anyone help me?

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pondhopper
Guest

Posted: Sun Sep 07, 2003 12:57 pm Post subject: Re:
mine is abit more annoying

I am a rather savvy user, and with just one wrong click, I became infected with the "pop up" generators: Addestroyer and VirtualBouncer. You are right, there is not an easy way to remove them.

Here is what I did: If you don't have Virus Scan software, try Spybot Search and Destroy at: [url] [http://www.safer-networking.org/index.php?lang=en&page=bots\[/url\]](http://www.safer-networking.org/index.php?lang=en&page=bots[/url]). It is freeware. Read the docs, if you are comfortable, go ahead and install it. I used Easy mode. Make sure you download the updated definitions or you won't clean all the hooks for this worm. Once you have updated your virus scan software (whatever you use) Close your browser and leave it closed.

I uninstalled the applications with Add/Remove programs— This did not remove them, but i wanted them out of the programs list so they couldn't reinstall that way.

I ran the virus scan and it found the STC "Second Thought" software, and reg keys. I had Spybot "immunize" my system (read that as: delete the files, remove registry keys).

Then I searched the registry, you may want to back up your registry before doing this, for safety reasons. Also, update your recovery disks. I searched for "STC", which I found one. I deleted it.

I opened the properties of IE and dleted all chached content, offline content, history, removed all objects and removed all cookies..

I may have gone further than I needed. But I have not had the pop ups since i did this.

As an aside, i was very pleased with spybot. My machine has McAfee virus scan, and it did not help me with this issue. I cannot say it is a fault of McAfee, as the installation was done by my comapny and may not be up to date. There is no way for me to manually update McAfee, as I am restricted by my company IT group.

good luck..

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Guest

Posted: Tue Sep 09, 2003 12:50 pm Post subject:

i was looking for ps2 cheat codes when ad destroyer installed itself on my pc, along with virtual bouncer. ive uninstalled, cleaned out cookies, my internet cache ect. it still returns and installs it self on my pc everyday. how can i get rid of this for good. i dont want it. heeellppppp please..

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admin
Site Admin

Joined: 01 Jan 1970
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Posted: Wed Sep 10, 2003 10:27 am Post subject:

Oh, one more step in removing... make sure you CTRL-ALT-DEL and close the process before you start removing (and prob a good idea to make sure after you are done too).

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Tsala
Guest

Posted: Thu Sep 11, 2003 4:36 pm Post subject: What a nightmare

pondhopper thank you so much for your advice. I followed it exactly and so far no more popups ...

I found several program files that I deleted – nCase, VBounce, STC.

I had done a Norton antivirus scan and not found anything so I'm pretty pleased with Spybot too.

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hotcoffeenow
Guest

Posted: Fri Sep 12, 2003 2:38 pm Post subject:

I also had the mysterious ad destroyer and vbouncer trying to download – thankfully I have a slow dial-up connection and was able to catch them before they finished. And, I, too tried a search on these and looked at Symantec.com but found nothing about it. Luckily I was able to just delete the files since they were empty, but I have warned others at the site I was at when they tried to download and linked them to this page. What a pain in the butt.

cheryl

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Glenn
Guest

Posted: Fri Sep 12, 2003 4:02 pm Post subject: This software is ruining my internet experience.

I have just been infected with this terrible software and I will try the previous postings to remove it. However, I believe this type of software is ruining the internet and someday, someone will have to pass laws prohibiting this type of software on the internet. Surely someone (perhaps the United Nations) can start to regulate the internet and block all the SPAM and these types of programs that are clogging and ruining the internet.

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Guest

Posted: Mon Sep 15, 2003 9:47 pm Post subject:

I've found STClient Class in my registry. Should I delete this key?

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Guest

Posted: Mon Sep 15, 2003 10:20 pm Post subject:

My advice:
Use Knoppix (linux on CD) to view dangerous www.

I've just removed addestroyer&vbouncer
Spybot is a very good program:-)

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Tsala
Guest

Posted: Tue Sep 16, 2003 6:44 am Post subject:

It's such a relief to be free from all those pop-ups!

Mon Guest, IMHO I would delete STClient.

I can't recommend Spybot highly enough though – it really is the solution to finding and eliminating Ad Destroyer and Virtual Bouncer.

Finally, if anyone wants a simple, effective, easy to remove if you decide you don't want it pop-up-blocker then I would suggest you consider the Google toolbar.

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Holly
Guest

Posted: Tue Sep 16, 2003 8:09 am Post subject:
Waaaah

Well, I can tell you I'm just sick about this. I got this stupid spyware infection just about 10 minutes ago from the myimager.com website. It got right through Zone Alarm and McAfee anti virus, both with the most current updates.

I just did a google search trying to figure out what this crud is, and ivorey.net is the only "hit" that comes up. It's late and I'm too tired to mess with the clean-up now, but glad you guys have some info about this scourge. I'm just so ticked off!

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