

Re: unwanted web sites popping up

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anon@discussions.microsoft.com wrote:

> I am having the same trouble and it seems that they are
> linked to IExplorer. Haven't had much luck getting rid
> of them and they are insidious. Everytime I log on –
> there they are. Who can help get them out of the
> computer. And then a window pops up and it looks like a
> microsoft window but it's not. It tells you "Windows
> File Protection" but if you click on it there at the top
> you see "Viagra" "Casino" etc and those are the ones that
> are infecting your machine and mine. Still working on
> it. The box also says it detected spyware on your
> machine – which is true but I think all we can do is
> uninstall Internet Explorer and re-install it, but I'm a
> novice so I'm afraid to do it.

>>-----Original Message-----

>>I have norton antivirus 2004 and spybot but once I open
> internet explorer, porn sites I have never visited pop up
> in the address bar and open up..it seems to be only a
> couple sites how do I get rid of this unwanted sites??
>>thanks

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>>Michael L.

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Spyware can be very difficult to get rid of. Just one removal tool is not enough. Here are generic steps for removing spyware:

Remove spyware with Spybot Search & Destroy from www.safer-networking.org and Ad-aware from www.lavasoftusa.com. Be sure to update these programs before running them. These programs are free, so run them both since they complement each other. It is best to run antivirus and spyware removal tools in Safe Mode. You may also want to run CWShredder and HijackThis from <http://aumha.org/freeware.htm>. Although CWShredder is no longer being updated, it will still clean older variants of the CoolWebSearch malware. Please read the instructions carefully. Also, make sure you've visited Windows Update

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and applied all security patches. Do not install driver updates from Windows Update. Make sure you are running a firewall.

A very good site about malware is here:

<http://www.aumha.org/a/parasite.htm> The Parasite Fight

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MS-MVP Windows User/Shell
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