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hold on there. this is an "ibm trained systems architect". they're not even going to **think** about doing anything to your PC unless someone pays them their consultancy fee!

seriously, if someone's had physical access, all bets are off. AV and spyware scans **might** detect nasties, but might not – and you'll never be sure. do a few scans to look for evidence, change all your passwords (don't pick anything obvious, either: use strong, mixed alphanumeric ones), and get windows reinstalled. change your router's password, too, and turn off router admin over the internet as well. to reinstall windows, backup your data files to CD or DVD, then boot off the XP CD to install and delete all partitions on the hard disk and recreate one (i'd advise at this point creating two: one for windows, and one for data. that way if this happens again you can reinstall windows without touching the other partition). it'd be helpful to have your drivers for your hardware on CD at this point, too.

you might want to go ask this guy some pointed questions if you turn up any evidence of naughtiness...

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