

Re: Unwanted Security Toolbar

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On Thu, 10 Apr 2008 09:54:26 +0530, P. Jayant wrote:

While trying to find a NetMeter for monitoring the speed of the broadband connection I have, I suddenly found Security Alert messages on my computer warning me that there are spywares on my computer etc and so I must go to the web-site of some software named NetProject and use their services to remove the spyware etc. The same software has also added a Toolbar named Security Toolbar 7.1 to the toolbar I have in I. E. 7. I am wondering as to how to remove this intruder and ask Microsoft as to how this intruder could push in, in spite of the Firewall being ON and my Virus software QuickHeal operational? I am asking QuickHeal too the same question.

No firewall will protect you if you browsing habits are unsafe.

Routinely practice Safe-Hex.

<http://www.claymania.com/safe-hex.html>

Hundreds Click on 'Click Here to Get Infected' Ad

<http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,2132447,00.asp>

Try:

ToolBar Uninstaller

<http://toolbar.decomputeur.nl/>

SuperAntispyware – Free

<http://www.superantispyware.com/superantispywarefreevspro.html>

After the software is updated, it is suggested scanning the system in Safe Mode.

Consider utilizing proven/quality AV/A-S applications.

Real-time AV applications – for viral malware.

Do not utilize more than one (1) real-time anti-virus scanning engine!

Disable the e-mail scanning function during installation (Custom

Installation on some AV apps.) as it provides no additional protection. In

fact most experts believe that scanning incoming and outgoing mail causes e-mail file corruption.

Avira AntiVir® PersonalEdition Classic – Free

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<http://www.free-av.com/antivirus/allinonen.html>

You may wish to consider removing the 'AntiVir Nagscreen'

http://www.elitekiller.com/files/disable_antivir_nag.htm

or

Free antivirus – avast! 4 Home Edition

It includes ANTI-SPYWARE protection, certified by the West Coast Labs Checkmark process, and ANTI-ROOTKIT DETECTION based on the best-in class GMER technology.

http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html

(Choose Custom Installation and under Resident Protection, uncheck: Internet Mail and Outlook/Exchange.)

or

AVG Anti-Virus Free Edition

<http://free.grisoft.com/>

(Choose custom install and untick the email scanner plugin.)

or

Kaspersky® Anti-Virus 7.0 – Not Free

<http://www.kaspersky.com/homeuser>

or

ESET NOD32 Antivirus – Not Free

<http://www.eset.com/>

and (optional)

On-demand AV application.*****NOT FOR VISTA*****

(add it to your arsenal and use it as a "second opinion" av scanner).

BitDefender10 Free Edition

<http://www.bitdefender.com/PRODUCT-14-en--BitDefender-8-Free-Edition.html>

A-S applications – for non-viral malware.

The effectiveness of an individual A-S scanners can be wide-ranging and oftentimes a collection of scanners is best. There isn't one software that cleans and immunizes you against everything. That's why you need multiple products to do the job i.e. overlap their coverage – one may catch what another may miss, (grab'em all).

SuperAntispyware – Free

<http://www.superantispyware.com/superantispywarefreevspro.html>

and

Ad-Aware 2007 – Free

http://www.lavasoftusa.com/products/ad_aware_free.php

<http://www.download.com/3000-2144-10045910.html>

and

Spybot Search & Destroy – Free

<http://www.safer-networking.org/en/download/index.html>

and

Windows Defender – Free (build-in in Vista)

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software/default.mspx>

WD monitors the start-registry and hooks registers/files to prevent spyware and worms to install to the OS.

Interesting reading:

<http://www.pcworld.com/article/id.136195/article.html>

"...Windows Defender did excel in behavior-based protection, which detects

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changes to key areas of the system without having to know anything about the actual threat."

Good luck :)

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