

Re: HOW TO REMOVE THE RPC VIRUS

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That's a bit extreme in most cases, I'd say.

Shawn Rabourn (MS) wrote:

> *Paul, You're pretty funny. I got a big laugh at that man. That's a*
> *pretty good workaround.*
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> *Microsoft PSS doesn't charge for virus calls. The proper way to fix*
> *a virus is to re-format and re-install.*
>
> *--Shawn*
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> *This posting is provided "AS IS" with no warranties and confers no*
> *rights.*
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> *"Paul Anderson" <chromis@ufl.edu> wrote in message*
> *news:082301c3609b\$4973d070\$a601280a@phx.gbl...*
>> *Hi folks,*
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>> *FIRST THINGS FIRST...I know you don't have a lot of time*
>> *before your RPC window pops up and shuts you down, but*
>> *because you will be disconnecting from the internet for*
>> *part of this procedure, read this fast and REMEMBER!*
>>
>> *1) UNPLUG YOUR MODEM. This should allow you free time*
>> *to make some changes to your computer (after you reboot,*
>> *if your RPC window pops up and requires you to do so).*
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>> *2) When you are not connected to the internet, go*
>> *to "Control Panel," "Performance and*
>> *Maintenance," "Administrative Tools," open "Services,"*
>> *right click on "Remote Procedure Call,"*
>> *click "Properties," click the "Recovery" tab, at "First*
>> *Failure," "Second Failure," and "Subsequent Failures,"*
>> *select "Take No Action."*
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>> 3) Turn on your modem and reconnect to the internet.
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>> 4) You've probably run out of time reading this before
>> your computer has rebooted, so get back to this message
>> and read from step 5 on. At this stage, you are still
>> infected with the msblast virus, but your computer will
>> not reboot on you.
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>> 5) This virus is very clever and has disabled several
>> buttons on the web and on your computer that would
>> otherwise allow you to disable it, so you've got to go
>> around the back door.
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>> 6) From support.microsoft.com, download:
>> WindowsXP-KB823980-x86-ENU.exe
>> (this is for XP; there is a Windows 2000 version
>> also...try a search on the Microsoft Support
>> website...plugging in this file name should bring you to
>> the same page as the security patches for the other
>> Windows versions).
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>> 7) Download and install.
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>> 8) Reboot.
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>> 9) Now you should be able to have a little more
>> functionality in your computer. If you haven't done so
>> already, enable your firewall:
>> "Control Panel," then "Network and Internet Connections,"
>> then "Network Connections," right click on your active
>> internet connection, select "Properties," click on
>> the "Advanced" tab, and check the box enabling firewall
>> protection.
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>> 10) Now let's kill the virus. Go to:
>> http://housecall.trendmicro.com/housecall/start_corp.asp
>> It's a free antivirus detection and cleanup program.
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>> 11) Run the program (this takes a long time). The
>> program should detect the msblast virus; it states that
>> it is non-cleanable. Click the "delete" button to delete
>> the virus.
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>> 12) To be sure, run the Search program from your Start
>> menu. Search for "msblast.exe" Include all hidden files
>> and folders in your search. If you have been successful,
>> no files will appear.
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>> 13) Congratulations! You're cured! Now download all the
>> security patches and updates that Microsoft bugs you
>> about everytime you boot your computer...I have been

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>> *ignoring it for months and this is what happened.*
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>> *(Hey Mr. Gates, you can pay me by cash, check, or charge*
>> *for consulting services offered. You're welcome.)*
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>> *Let me know how it works out for you! Good luck!*
>>
>> *Paul*
>> *(A Graduate Student who managed to figure it out without*
>> *spending ridiculous money on tech support fees...this*
>> *goes out to my peeps)*