

## Re: My home page has changed to "CoolWWWSearch" variant

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Adding to Bill's post, the current version of CWShredder is 1.57.0.

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~PA Bear
Bill Sanderson wrote:
> When you say that you've tried CWShredder--are you, in fact, downloading
> the latest version from an appropriate site, and not using an old one you
> had already available?
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> I'd recommend pulling in the current version of CWShredder, restarting in
> safe mode, and running it.
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> If that doesn't do the job, you need HijackThis and the spyware forums.
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> Both downloads can be found here:
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> www.aumha.org/freeware.htm
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> "thejd" <thejd@uk2.net> wrote in message
> news:O8nzJsGLEHA.644@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
>> Im getting really anoyed now, its returned! Theres going to be a flood on
>> this one, im buggered if I can tell where its comming from or running
>> from. It must be in a windows file.
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>> "thejd" <thejd@uk2.net> wrote in message
>> news:OQTgm1DLEHA.3300@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...
>>> Good points. Im learning how to use "Process Explorer" by SysInternals,
>>> looks good.
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>>> Last night after much examination I discovered alg.exe running, but only
>>> while the WARNING pop-ups appeared from winpatrol telling me that the IE
>>> settings were being changed. alg.exe = Application Layer Gateway
>>> Service.
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>>> alg.exe turned out to be related to ICS, Internet connection sharing.
>>> Thats strange I thought, seeing as I dont use ICS, nor is it enabled.
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>>> So I "disabled" Application Layer Gateway Service from "manual" startup
>>> in "Services" and it seems to have worked!!! WinPatrol is no longer
>>> reporting IE changes and my home page is no longer being changed nor is
>>> the CWS addon helper appearing in the IE Settings.
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>>> So what is alg.exe? Accoring to MS it: "Provides support for 3rd party
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>>> protocol plug-ins for Internet Connection Sharing and the Internet
>>> Connection Firewall"
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>>> Im not aware of any problems disabling this Service as yet, any other
>>> idea or comments appreciated....
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>>> Was the reason I could not clear the CWS source file because it was not
>>> resident on my PC? Did CWS hijack my internet connection (via alg.exe)
>>> to download itself again and again??
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>>> Yes I have a firewall, yes Im using a NAPT fireall router,
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