

Re: FirstLook.com/about.aspx UNSUBSCRIBE

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Description of how you got it, etc...

"blink" <blink@blink.com> wrote in message

news:MPG.17da95625cb50971989748@msnews.microsoft.com...

> *Quite a number of people are getting a mysterious application installed
> by a company called FirstLook.com without their foreknowledge or
> permission. It is getting installed as a application, and is listed in
> the control panel Add/Remove Programs section as "FirstLook Portal".
> Each day when an infected machine is started, IE opens and displays
> their ad. People have reported difficulty in uninstalling it; other
> programs getting disabled; and data being transmitted over broadband
> connections when it appears.*

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> *There is a thread here discussing the FirstLook.com invasion:
> <http://www.computing.net/networking/wwwboard/forum/8981.html>*

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> *No one has been able to figure out where it comes from; but one likely
> candidate seems to be that it's in one of the recent Microsoft service
> packs. I sure didn't install anything other than the urgent SP's from
> Windows update, including Win2K sp3, the IE update that was available
> last week, and the Media Player one. I've had this for about a week, and
> have not installed anything since it appeared. I use Norton AntiVirus on
> all email and it does a weekly scan of the system.*

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> *I've written to FirstLook.com and all they say is "The Firstlook Service
> was delivered to your computer when you downloaded any number of
> popular, free software applications via the internet". I don't think
> so.*

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> *I believe that the application that FirstLook.com is installing without
> permission represents a new low in intrusive behavior by a firm. And it
> really worries me that this sort of rubbish is going to become part of
> our lives. Even if the FirstLook Portal is not installed by one of the
> Microsoft service packs, at the very least Microsoft should contact*

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- > *these idiots, determine the mode of distribution, and either patch the*
- > *exposure or in some other way find a way to put the brakes on it.*