

## Re: two EXPLORER.EXEs. Virus ?

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Take a look at the following link. There are actually several worms that either create a new explorer.exe that runs in addition to your system file, or replace the system file. You most likely have some type of RAT. A worm that allows someone else to control your computer without your knowledge. Do a Google search for worm or virus and explorer.exe. You will find a lot of info.

<http://www.sophos.com/virusinfo/analyses/w32igloo15.html>

"B.Y." <[ecxzDELETETHIS@yahoo.com](mailto:ecxzDELETETHIS@yahoo.com)> wrote in message news:uf20VEg5CHA.1576@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

> *Hi,*

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> *I'm running Windows 2000 SP3, and my Windows root directory is "C:\W2K".*

By

> *chance I noticed in task manager that there're 2 explorer.exe's running,*

> *looking into it further, I found out that there're 2 files named*

> *explorer.exe in my windows folder.*

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> *The first file is "c:\w2k\explorer.exe", it's 242960 bytes long and it*

*looks*

> *like it's the shell explorer.exe.*

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> *The second file is "c:\w2k\system32\explorer.exe", but I don't know what*

*it*

> *is. It's 245,760 bytes long, has no version info, and has no resource in*

*it*

> *(opening it as resource, VC returned error "cannot enumerate resources in*

*the executable"). Furthermore, in*

> *HKLM\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run, there's an entry to it*

> *so it's run at system start. Renaming this file and deleting the registry*

> *entry don't seem to affect the system at all.*

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> *So my question is, is this explorer.exe part of OS or som*