

# RE: Hole in Registry Keys on Office and Windows 2000

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Hi InBan!

Thanks for taking the time to explain!

I keep the Microsoft critical updates and anti-virus stuff pretty much up to-date, as also the Spybot and Spywareblaster packages that I have installed, but your suggestions are good ones.

Thanks again

Dippy

>-----Original Message-----

>I'm not from Microsoft.

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>I've done a little reading up on this. There are plenty of discussions on various forums about the DSO Exploits Spybot detects. The makers of Spybot have said that this is a problem with the current release of spybot and should be fixed in future releases.

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>I have also seen information from other sources saying there are registry changes, or an application that can be run which makes those changes, which will remove the so called DSO exploit.

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>I would not recommend making those changes. Be confident that the fixes supplied in the critical updates released by Microsoft are fixing these types of issues. Although vulnerabilities in internet explorer likely still exist, far more known vulnerabilities have been patched than not.

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>At this time I would recommend setting spybot to ignore the DSO exploit. I cannot recommend making the registry changes described in other articles and forums as I have

not tested them personally, nor am I aware that they do not do more harm than good.

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>*If this is related to a real vulnerability in IE it is likely one that is taken advantage of by spy ware makers who would attempt to automatically install software on your computer. The best advice I can give is to avoid this type of hijacking software is – browse safe, I'm sure you know the sorts of sites that these things come from, so just avoid them as a best practice for internet surfing.*

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>*Good luck.*

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