

## Re: Adware and spyware!

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Greetings --

To deal with issues caused by any sort of "adware" and/or "spyware," such as Gator, Comet Cursors, Xupiter, Bonzai Buddy, or KaZaA, and their remnants, that you've deliberately (but without understanding the consequences) installed, two products that are quite effective (at finding and removing this type of scumware) are Ad-Aware from [www.lavasoft.de](http://www.lavasoft.de) and SpyBot Search & Destroy from <http://security.kolla.de/>. Both have free versions. It's even possible to use SpyBot Search & Destroy to "immunize" your system against most future intrusions. I use both and generally perform manual scans every week or so to clean out cookies, etc.

Additionally, manual removal instructions for the most common varieties of scumware are available here:

PC Hell Spyware and Adware Removal Help

<http://www.pchell.com/support/spyware.shtml>

Bruce Chambers

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Help us help you:

<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faq/smart-questions.html>

You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on having both at once. -- RAH

"Joseph M." <jippy64@comcast.net> wrote in message news:043501c3c8e5\$93679150\$a101280a@phx.gbl...

> Heiio,

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> I'm sure you were asked this before. How do I  
> stop "adware" & "spyware" from getting into my computer.  
> I must have looked at or downloaded something.

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> Now that I got it, how do I dump it. The first thing I  
> get on my computer, (after it's booted) is, "server is  
> busy." I have to mess around to get rid of that message,  
> I get the ad's. I X out 4 or 5 ad's. What a pain. Wgat  
> ticks me off is, one of them will try to sell me a  
> program to stop his and all ad/s.

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> Can you help a first-timer. Does Microsoft or Sony VAIO  
> do any thing for their customers. It seems not. Thank  
> you. Joe McCarthy