

Re: Pop Ups giving Internet Explorer a virus

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Greetings --

To deal with issues caused by any sort of "adware" and/or "spyware," such as Gator, Comet Cursors, Smiley Central, 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 and SpyBot Search & Destroy from www.safer-networking.org/. 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

"Joe Edwards" <jedwardsesq@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:66342a8c.0402271017.170c0e02@posting.google.com...
>I recently downloaded Smiley Central. Ever since there
> are several pop up ads that won't go away. They prevent
> me from using Internet Explorer now. I can't even get it
> to come up. One of the pop ups was selling a product to
> get rid of pop up ads, and they even made my Disk door
> open up on my computer. It said it was selling something
> to prevent spyware. Now when I try to open Internet
> Explorer, the ad is all I see. It also makes my computer
> freeze. What should I do? I can't open up Explorer
> without seeing that ad and without my computer freezing.
> This is bullying people to buy their product and I really
> resent it.

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> The above post appeared in December. I'm sorry but my group access
> only lets me respond by cut-and-paste. I can't post on the thread.
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> This sounds like the atoque pop-up. It is a lot like a virus. It's
> generated off a file in the C:\Windows\System folder. The problem
> is
> that each time you start up your browser, the file will copy itself
> to
> a new file name and erase the old one. You have to look for a
> recently modified application file in the format XXXXXXXX.exe with
> the
> X's randomly generated alpha-numeric characters. If you're not sure
> if
> it's the right one, make note of the file name, use your browser a
> few
> times and check to see if it's gone and a new one is there. Try
> renaming it first to see if it takes care of the problem. If it
> does,
> then erase it.
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> HTH,
> Joe Edwards