

## Re: pop up Hell

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mememe wrote:

- > *can anyone tell me why I still get pop up's?*
- > *I have ad aware*
- > *ad shield*
- > *spy bot*
- > *Google tool bar*
- > *I disabled my messenger windows*
- > *oh and cwsshredder too*
- > *what can I do?*

Do all of this (whatever parts you don't do) and KEEP THE PRODUCTS UP TO DATE. The antispyware apps need to be updated just like Antivirus apps do. Disabling Windows Messenger will only block a symptom. Google Toolbar is only effective some of the time (and if set up correctly), and no matter what – you more than likely will get some pop-ups. If you get NONE, then my hats off to you – as you must not go to any online banking establishments or other known USERS of popups where they are necessary, etc.

Turn on that firewall...

<http://www.microsoft.com/WindowsXP/home/using/howto/homenet/icf.asp>

(It has been reported that it now works with AOL 9.0+)

Make sure you have all the updates (critical) installed from:

<http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com/>

(Scan for updates, Review and Install)

Get rid of the spy/ad/mal-ware..

(Yes – using MORE than one of these..

I recommend at least the first three.)

Spybot Search and Destroy

<http://www.safer-networking.net/>

Lavasoft AdAware

<http://www.lavasoft.de>

CWSShredder

<http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html>

Hijack This!

<http://mjc1.com/mirror/hjt/>

I also like "The Cleaner" and "SpywareBlaster" and "SpywareGuard".

– <http://www.moosoft.com/>

– <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/>

The first is a PAY product, but useable for 30 days – it has found and eliminated problems in the past the others did not. The latter two are prevention mechanisms. I like SpywareGuard for those with enough processor to have something running like antivirus software – and it prevents browser hijacking quite well.

And Assortment of Others:

<http://www.merijn.org/downloads.html>

After you cleanup your PC somewhat of spy/ad/mal-ware, verify your antivirus software is updated and run a full scan of your computer. If you have no antivirus software – get one NOW! Grisoft AntiVirus:

[http://www.grisoft.com/us/us\\_dwnl\\_free.php](http://www.grisoft.com/us/us_dwnl_free.php)

Empty your Temporary Internet Files and shrink the size it stores to about 80 to 120MB (seems to be an optimal size for the normal user)

- Open ONE copy of Internet Explorer.
- Select TOOLS -> Internet Options.
- Under the General tab in the "Temporary Internet Files" section, do the following:
  - Click on "Delete Cookies" (click OK)
  - Click on "Settings" and change the "Amount of disk space to use:" to something between 80MB and 120MB. (Betting it is MUCH larger right now.)
  - Click OK.
  - Click on "Delete Files" and select to "Delete all offline contents" (the checkbox) and click OK. (If you had a LOT, this could take 2–10 minutes or more.)
- Once it is done, click OK, close Internet Explorer
- Re-open Internet Explorer.

Uninstall any software you do not use often/ever. (If you have something installed but never use it, uninstall it.) If you go through Control Panel -> Add/Remove Programs and see things you seldom if ever use, it is to your advantage to remove it.

Also, if you are tired of Web Page Pop-Ups/Unders.. You could try the Google Toolbar.

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