

Re: Need help with spyware/adware

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Great post, Kaylene!

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"Kaylene aka Taurarian" <taurarian@REMOVE_CAPS_hotmail.com> wrote in message news:OCWRCR9QEHA.1892@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...

> *In this posting are spyware program links, anti virus online scans and information about messenger pop ups.*

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> *Spyware Programs links:–*

> *www.lavasoftusa.com Ad–Aware*

> *www.security.kolla.de Spybot*

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> *SpywareBlaster*

> *<http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareblaster.html>*

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> *CWShredder*

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

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> *Dealing with Unwanted Spyware, Parasites, Toolbars and Search Engines*

> *<http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/unwanted.htm>*

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> *Home Page Setting Changes Unexpectedly, or You Cannot Change Your Home Page*

> *Setting*

> *<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=320159>*

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> *Downloadable McAfee AVERT Stinger:*

> *Stinger: <http://vil.nai.com/vil/stinger/>*

> *stand–alone utility used to detect and remove specific viruses. It is not a*

> *substitute for full anti–virus protection, but rather a tool to assist*

> *administrators and users when dealing with an infected system. Stinger utilizes*

> *next generation scan engine technology, including process scanning, digitally*

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- > signed DAT files, and scan performance optimizations.
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- > Perhaps an online security/virus check
- > Symantec
- > <http://security.norton.com/sscv6/default.asp?langid=ie&venid=sym>
- > Trend Micro House Call:
- > <http://housecall.trendmicro.com/>
- > Panda ActiveScan;
- > http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/com/activescan_principal.htm
- > McAfee FreeScan:
- > <http://us.mcafee.com/root/mfs/default.asp>
- > Kaspersky Labs On-line Virus Checker:
- > <http://www.kaspersky.com/remoteviruschk.html>
- > BitDefender Online Scan:
- > <http://www.bitdefender.com/scan/licence.php>
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- > Messenger Service Window That Contains an Internet Advertisement Appears
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/?id=330904>
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- > Enable or Disable Internet Connection Firewall in Windows XP
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:EN-US:283673>
- > NB: AOL is not compatible with Windows XP Internet Connection Firewall (ICF)
- > If you have AOL, you should contact AOL and/or get a 3rd party firewall.
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- > <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/howto/communicate/stopspam.asp>
- > Stopping Advertisements with Messenger Service Titles
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- > Windows Messenger – stopping spam and pop ups
- > The issue is that currently ANYONE can actually send you a message through the
- > .NET Messenger network without being on YOUR contact list!
- > You can change this so that people will have to add you to their contact lists
- > before they can send you a message (which will have the effect of blocking these
- > Spam messages in the future).
- > Open up the main Messenger window, click Tools, then Options, then the Privacy
- > tab, click All users and then click the Block >> button.
- > This way you can manually add who you want to receive messages from and block
- > all others.
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- > "mcginni" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
- > news:9132B121-8424-4BAE-9812-025C2FF0AE24@microsoft.com...
- > > I think I may have a problem with spyware/adware. A couple of weeks

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ago, my

> *finance button that had been set to my bank's web site started coming up some*

> *tax preparers page. Our computer is slower than it was and we get pop-ups*

> *fairly often about "you may have spyware on your computer" wanting to sell us*

> *spyware/adware protection. Our sons have been downloading a good many free*

> *games from the internet. Could this have caused the problem? Is it probably*

> *spyware/adware? Will a system restore help? (The computer was so slow that*

> *you couldn't really do anything. We did run a defragmenter and tried the disc*

> *cleanup, but it would not run. We turned the computer off for about 24 hours*

> *afterwards, and it started performing better. Still not great though, and still*

> *the problems with the spyware pop-ups and my finance page.) My husband did a*

> *scan through one of those free scan things and it said we had 47 infected files*

> *or so. But our Norton anti-virus isn't showing anything. Please help.*

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