

Re: Task Manager Closes Immediately

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Mike wrote:

- > *When I press Ctrl+Alt+Del the Task Manager screen appears*
- > *for less than 1 second and then shuts down. There is an*
- > *icon for the Task Manager on the taskbar but when I move*
- > *the mouse pointer to it it disappears. This problem*
- > *occured last year and it was fixed using a Symantec virus*
- > *removal tool. My anti-virus software is up to date,*
- > *definitions are current. Hard disk scan shows no viruses*
- > *detected.*
- > *I am running XP home edition on a Dell Dimension LX800CXE.*
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- > *Thanks,*

The type of behavior you describe is typical behavior of more than one virus/worm, the three below being the most common:

W32.Klez

<http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.klez.e@mm.html>

W32.Yaha

<http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.yaha.c@mm.html>

W32.Spybot.Worm

<http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.spybot.worm.html>

Because many of the newer viruses and worms, such as the Spybot mentioned above, can disable antivirus applications whose definitions aren't kept up-to-date, try using one or more of the free on-line scanners to double-check your system.

Trend Micro – Free online virus Scan

<http://housecall.trendmicro.com/>

McAfee Security – FreeScan

<http://www.mcafee.com/myapps/mfs/default.asp>

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Symantec Security Check

<http://security.symantec.com/ssc/home.asp>

Panda ActiveScan – Free online scanner

http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/com/activescan_principal.htm

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Help us help you:

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

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

You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on
having

both at once. - RAH