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Unexplained computer behavior may be caused by deceptive software

<http://support.microsoft.com/?-id=827315>

Download Ad-aware SE and scan your PC for the presence of sp-yware:

<http://www.download.com/3000-2144-10045910.html?part=69274&subj=dlpage&tag=button>

Symantec Security Check

<http://security.symantec.com/s-scv6/default.asp?langid=ie&ven-id=sym>

Microsoft Windows AntiSpyware

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=321cd7a2-6a57-4c57-a8bd-dbf62eda9671&displayla>

Utilize the following maintenance programs, at least monthly,  
to maintain the optimum performance of Windows XP:

Description of the Disk Cleanup Tool in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:310312&Product=winxp>

How to Perform Disk Error Checking in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:315265&Product=winxp>

HOW TO: Analyze and Defragment a Disk in Windows XP

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:305781&Product=winxp>

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Get Windows XP Service Pack 2 with Advanced Security Technologies:

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/protect/windowsxp/choose.msp>

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"adeel" wrote:

| Hello group. I've been having this problem for past 2-3 months now. I think  
| it is about time I put the laziness aside and did something about it.

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| It goes something like this... whenever I start browsing, my computer's CPU  
| load shoots up to 100% or very close to it and consequently the computer's  
| response time (to my clicks etc) becomes low. And it is very annoying...

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I checked out the processes list in the task manager and I saw that it is the process 'vsmon.exe' that takes up all the processor when there is high CPU load.

Sometimes the problem goes away after a while.... that is, the CPU load stays normal when I click another link on the page etc. but at other times it persists.

I'd like to hear any suggestions/comments/similar experiences etc. if anybody is interested enough to share.

Thanks...

PS. My OS is WindowsXP Professional - Service Pack 1. I use no anti-virus (yes indeed!) but there's ZoneAlarm in place.