

Re: Critical Errors after a pristine install of OS

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oops, looks like i hit a few sensitive snares
guys, it was not my intention to offend any of you
but you have to understand that i was a bit frustrated after messing with
this problem for 36 days now.

last month i have been reading, learning, asking questions etc like never
before
have i looked into any help files at all ?? off course i have

Quote Mike Hall: Where did Zonealarm come in?..
ZoneAlarm was advised in this topic by Mike Hall, yes that's yourself :P
i just tried as many possible ways to get rid of the problem.
During all the different installations I never connected to the internet
unprotected,
I tried the Win-firewall, NIS, ZoneAlarm, BHODemon, Avast AV, Adaware,
MultiAV, Spybots, they all fail..

Funny thing is, i sometimes get the NIS warning that a Trojan Horse called
BLA is blocked to get acces to my system... when i check out the IP it shows
my own. lol i guess it's just someone messing with me, me trying to get acces
with a trojan horse to my own computer, lol. i've scanned with all known
tools but there's just no Bla or any other infection on my system, and if NIS
can block it it should also be able to find it if it was on my HD, so i
conclude i haven't got it

Off course i know that a NAT-router doesn't fit on a cd-rom... eh
same as Al-Qaida doesn't shoot with blanks, i'm no moron
it was just a figure of speak
i got advised in this forum to get rid of NIS and buy a NAT-router instead

i apologize again if i offended you
but you shouldn't take it personal,
if i remember correctly i've thanked you all for investing the time and effort
the criticism was more meant for mr,BG

peace
omi

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"jg" wrote:

Right on. No one has said about windows being Fort Knox in terms of security. There always a trade off of ease of use, responsiveness against security that can easily mitigated with a little external help on security.

Right now connecting to internet without proper protection is like having your doors open inviting intruders into your home.

Besides, back in those days of designing XP, the internet was quite a bit more friendly, and has a lot less crooks.

"Mike Hall (MS-MVP)" <mikehall1@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:uilDucaKGHA.360@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Omi

Where did Zonealarm come in?... your original post talked of NIS and the Windows firewall..

The hits that Zonealarm is recording shows that it is doing it's job.. we all get hits continually from port scanners around the world.. what you should do is turn off all alerts other than critical..

Installation of Zonealarm will automatically turn off Windows firewall, because one does not require two firewalls running..

Windows should include a NAT router?.. why?.. Windows is software.. NAT routers are hardware..

Have you tried looking in the Zonealarm help files?.. or any help files at all?..

Coming in here with the attitude that MS should advise that there OS is full of holes like Swiss cheese will get attitude reflected back at you.. they are the words of the ill-informed and technically challenged.. many people run Windows operating systems without problems, and when they get any, they come here and ask nicely.. none of this 'every body knows that M\$ Windoze is crap' jive..

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Mike Hall
MVP – Windows Shell/User

"omi" <omi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message news:2BCCC2C0-85DD-43E0-B9F0-67C4BECC3A06@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Again it didn't went as it should :(
leaking mb's again

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ZoneAlarm is stopping those MSN popups
and blockes a lot of attempts
tracking down the ip's shows 90% is coming from china

i give up, next time i reinstall i'll be having a NAT router
MS should include one when buying a winxp cd-rom that's
what i think
or at least advise customers that their software is full of
holes, like
Swiss cheese

thnx to everyone who invested their time and effort to try and
help me
cheers
omi

"omi" wrote:

thnx,

i thought the win-firewall was only in SP2
this might solve a lot
about messenger, i'm so spooked right now
that i prefer to completely
delete
this program from my system at next install,
i'll find other ways to
chat
with my friends, plenty of options. I just
hope that messenger won't be
reinstalled when i install SP2 or something,
but for safety i'll make
the
adjustments to prevent messenger from
running also.

I hear almost nothing but criticism about NIS,
i guess it became the
victim of
it's own popularity eh, a cooperation that big
looks like the ultimate
target
for hackers, like infiltrating into the fbi's
office or something.

Thnx for the ZoneAlarm tip !!
I had it on my 1st pc a few years ago but
have forgotten the excistance
It'll be installed at next installation.

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I'm testing it now and the Messenger pop-ups are being blocked by it :) it's a start

"Mike Hall (MS-MVP)" wrote:

Omi

You do not have to update before turning on the Windows XP firewall.. either go to Control Panel and look for the Windows Firewall icon there, or click on START – Settings – Network Connections, locate your ISP connection icon, right click and select Properties, click on the Advanced tab and check the box to activate the firewall..

The Windows Messaging Service is NOT the same as Windows Messenger, so you do not have to remove Windows Messenger..

Re. NIS.. any protection is better than none at all.. you should ALWAYS install whatever security program you have in your possession BEFORE connecting to the internet.. personally, I think that you would be better off without NIS.. better to install Zonealarm free firewall, and AVG or Avast free anti-virus if funds are tight for you..

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Mike Hall
MVP – Windows Shell/User

"omi"

<omi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

wrote in message

news:EB348B4A-8D89-434D-8E3E-D6074745954A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

question, u
say:

Make
sure
a
firewall
is
turned
on.

How can i
turn on a
firewall the
first time i
connect to
the net ??
There's no
software
that is
updated,
both NIS as
winxp
I have to
update first
before i can
turn on the
firewall.
i can turn
on an
unupdated
NIS firewall
but i doubt
if this will
help

omi

"Wesley
Vogel"

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wrote:

These
are
known
as
Messenger
service
SPAM.

Make
sure
a
firewall
is
turned
on.
And
you
need
to
disable
or
remove
the
Messenger
service.

[[If
advertisements
are
opening
on
your
computer
in
a
window
titled
Messenger
Service,
it
may
indicate
that
your
system
is
not
secure.

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You should enable the Internet Connection Firewall and disable the Messenger Service in Windows XP to help protect your computer from unwanted spam and other potential threats.

The Messenger Service was originally designed for use by system administrators to notify Windows users about their networks. However, some advertisers have started

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using
this
service
to
send
information
via
the
Internet,
and
these
messages
could
be
used
maliciously
to
distribute
a
virus.]]
Disabling
Messenger
Service
in
Windows
XP

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/security/learnm>

[[These
messages
are
also
known
as
"messenger
spam."]]

[[To
resolve
this
issue,
install
or
turn
on
a
firewall
that
blocks
inbound
NetBIOS
and

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UDP
broadcast
traffic.
]]
[[To
work
around
this
issue,
turn
off
the
Messenger
service.]]
Messenger
Service
window
that
contains
an
Internet
advertisement
appears
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:330>

Disabling
Messenger
Service
in
Windows
XP
<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/howto/comr>

Messenger
Service
window
that
contains
an
Internet
advertisement
appears
<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:330>

How
to
prevent
Windows
Messenger
from
running

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on
a
Windows
XP-based
computer
<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=302089>

Disable/Remove
Windows
Messenger
http://www.dougknox.com/xp/utills/xp_mess_disable.htm

[[This
is
a
Visual
Basic
Script
file
which
will
remove
Windows®
Messenger
from
Windows®
XP.
It
will
also
adjust
your
System
Registry
to
prevent
a
long
delay
when
opening
Outlook
Express
when
Windows
Messenger
is
removed
or
disabled.]]
Remove

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Windows

Messenger

http://www.dougknox.com/xp/tips/xp_messenger_remove.htm

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Hope

this

helps.

Let

us

know.

Wes

MS-MVP

Windows

Shell/User

In

<news:94F6817B-494A-4C18-9F1B-9B3955720D99@xxxx>

omi

<omi@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

hunted

and

pecked:

Hello,

i

start

this

thread

because

i

assume

old

threats

don't

get

much

attention,

it's

not

my

intention

to

spam

or

anything.

i

changed

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my
ip
a
few
times
and
then
released
it
i
disconnected
the
internet
cable
i
formatted
my
drive
twice
(normal
&
fast)
installed
winxp-home
(original
cd-rom)
installed
msi-mainboard
(original
cd-rom)
(rebooted
when
nessecairy)

when
i
inserted
the
internet
cable
to
activate
winxp:
-
immediatly
i
have
a
constant
up-&
downstream

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–
after
a
minute
or
so
i
get
following
pop-up
messages:

Messenger-Service
Message
from
MICROSOFT
to
USER
Critical
Error
The
Microsoft
Windows
system
contains
invalid
registry
entries
and
your
computer
will
crash.
Please
download
the
Windows
registry
application
from:
www.fixed-pc.com
To
fix
your
system
immediatly

<<a
few
seconds
later>>

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Messenger–Service
Message
from
Microsoft
to
inform
you
about
a
virus
detection.
Critical
System
Error
!
The
Windows
registry
appears
to
be
infected.
Please
go
to
the
Universal
Registry
Infection
Cleaner
at
www.cleanmyharddrive.com
to
scan
and
repair
the
system
registry.

<<
every
now
and
then
i
get
diverse
popups
like

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this>>
i
did
not
install
the
35,3Mb
NIS,
so
that's
not
it
i
only
installed
the
original
winxp
&
msi
mainboard
no
other
hd's
are
connected
i
did
not
load
any
files
except
the
2
i
mentioned
above
(winxp
&
msi)
those
2
are
on
original
cd-roms
so
they
can't
be

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infected

now
there's
no
point
updating
winxp
or
msi
installing
NIS
&
updating
also
makes
no
difference

At
this
time
my
winxp-key
is
blocked
by
MS
because
i
have
reinstalled
so
much,
i
have
to
phone
them
every
time
to
get
a
new
key
which
contains
numbers
only.
The

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dude
on
the
other
side
advised
me
to
phone
the
technical
staff
instead

of
reinstalling
all
the
time...
because
i
live
from
my
invalid-payment
i
do
not
have
the
money
to
do
so,
although
i
find
that
such
assistance
should
be
free
of
charge.
Luckely
there
a
free

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forums
like
this.
I
hope
you
guys
can
help
me
out
with
this
problem.

thnx
in
advance
omi

I
tried
scanning
with
all
known
security
progs,
no
infections