

Re: a-squared and Trojan Scan

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Hi Denise,

It sure looks like you have run a lot of anti-malware tools already.
Some suggested housekeeping:

Set Win Explorer to show all files and folders:

Bring up Windows Explorer / Tools / Folder Options/ select VIEW Tab and look at all of settings listed.

"CHECK" (turn on) Display the contents of system folders.

Under column, Hidden files and folders----choose (*select*) Show hidden files and folders.
Next, un-check Hide extensions for known file types.
Next un-check Hide protected operating system files.

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Consider getting and running CCleaner (freeware) from <http://www.ccleaner.com/>

Download it, save it, set it up and run it.

When started, select the Windows tab:

Select these options:

Under Internet Explorer: select Temporary Internet Files, Delete Index.dat files

Under System: select Empty Recycle Bin, temporary Files, memory dumps, Chkdsk file fragments

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Do a Disk Defrag on this system, but first close & exit all programs. And at end of defrag, restart the system.

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See "Computer Health"

<http://aumha.org/a/health.htm>

Use MSCONFIG to review your startup apps.

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I suggest that you to download and run Silent Runners, which will help to determine which programs are auto-loaded at each Windows startup

<<http://www.silentrunners.org>>

The page has an FAQ link. If you need more guidance see "Using the script"

http://www.silentrunners.org/sr_scriptuse.html

Be aware Silent Runners is a script. You may need to tweak your antivirus or security program to allow it to run.

Here are 2 tools from SysInternals that may help you get an insight on what's running.

Autoruns (checks & shows what's set to auto-load at Windows startup)

<http://www.sysinternals.com/nt-w2k/freeware/autoruns.shtml>

Process Explorer <http://www.sysinternals.com/nt-w2k/freeware/procexp.shtml>

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"HartsVideo" <HartsVideo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message <news:F5A6BE17-6D50-47E9-9776-5ECC1CA03FF2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

"David H. Lipman" wrote:

From: "HartsVideo" <HartsVideo@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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| Hi Dave,
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| I still see anti-virus under Security, and I'm speaking about security and
| security programs, not an anti-virus since I don't have a virus that needs
| discussion in the anti-virus forum. If I went there, they'd probably tell me
| that I should have come to this forum.
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| I purchased McAfee and I feel that it was a waste of good money. It never
| found any problems that other programs found, not even negligible risks that
| AdAware finds. It was also incompatible with the other programs that I have
| running so I removed it. I won't know if I'm specifically infected with a
| targeted infector that Stinger looks for unless I run Stinger. The same can
| be said of all the programs.
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| So far I've been able to download and install a-squared. I want to also
| download and run TrojanScan at this url:
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| <http://www.windowsecurity.com/trojanscan/>
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| I now use Sygate firewall. I used to use Avast with Windows firewall but I
| couldn't use Sygate with Avast. So again it was a toss-up and I chose
| Sygate.

| Right now, I'm using the process of elimination. I doubt very much if I
| have a virus/trojan/worm in my pc but I want to know for sure so that I'll
| know that it isn't one of them in my pc causing my pc to creep along when
| the

| 6/15/06 updates from Microsoft have been installed. Once I've determined
| that, I'll know for sure that one or more of the updates aren't compatible
| with another program in my pc and I will do selective updating to determine
| which of the 10 updates it is. I backed up my entire C drive onto an
| external hard drive and I turned off System Restore until I've run all of the
| programs because the programs can't scan those files and they may contain a
| virus/trojan/worm that I'd put right back into my pc if I chose an existing
| restore point.

| It seems that my way of thinking isn't your way of thinking but what I do
| works for me. I've never had a virus/trojan/worm in my pc. Spybot and
| AdAware have found cookies that they've considered spyware and they've
| been
| eliminated. Up until yesterday, when the new updates were installed in my
| pc, I didn't have the problem with my pc creeping along. Someone else who
| spoke in this thread also mentioned that they caused him a problem. I would
| then assume that the update(s) contain something that isn't compatible with
| our systems.

| Denise

McAfee focuses on viruses and Trojans and some non-viral malware while
Ad-aware SE focuses
on non-viral malware.

Two differnt products geared twords two different sub-types of malware.

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Dave

<http://www.claymania.com/removal-trojan-adware.html>

<http://www.ik-cs.com/got-a-virus.htm>

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I also ran Bit Defender, TrendMicro, CWShredder, Microsoft Malicious
Software Removal Tool, Norton AntiVirus, DosClean and a-squared. Most of the
programs that I used were also located on the url you posted here and then
some.

Denise

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