

Re: Off Topic: Hijacked

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Also might want to -- after it's cleaned up -- download the free versions of ZoneAlarm, AdAware, and SpyBot. Keep them updated and run them often. Set up ZoneAlarm to block everything.

Good advice from RichA about Internet Explorer -- download and install Mozilla Firefox -- it's free. It will import your Favorites, passwords, and the like from IE. Leave IE on the computer (you can't remove it anyway) and make Firefox your default browser.

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"RichA" <none@xxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:656t71p718dle8462m8bgukbqanq4e2dvt@xxxxxxxxxxx
> On Sun, 8 May 2005 11:43:06 -0700, "Starlord" <starlord@xxxxxxxxxxx>
> wrote:
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> > Late last night while trying to get a driver to work my XP got hijacked
> and
> > even with the anti-virus and MS's own anti-spyware running, it still got
> > hit. Now I get blasted ads and IE's about blank is shot too. I now get a
> > message on the desktop about somekind of a error and the active desktop
> pic
> > can't be displayed, something about error in VXD VMM (01)
> > trojan-spy.html.smitfraud.c and as the XP disk didn't come with the
> machine
> > (it's a used one) I can't run it to fix whatever.
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> You might try this; Look at the running processes in "Task Manager."
> See if you can i.d. the one causing the problem. Generally, if you
> sort them by the amount of memory they use, these things show up
> using about 1-4 megs. Looks for words in the process such as "ad."
> If you are curious about any process, looking it up in google will
> generally tell you if it's a regular MS process or something else.
> Turn off all you're other programs when looking at Task Manager to

- > help isolate the process.
- > Once you're sure it's the one, then use the command line (DOS)
- > accessory prompt and erase the process from that point. Just type
- > "del" and the process name on the command line. So, it might be
- > "del adcount.exe" or whatever the thing is called.
- > Reboot. It might work.
- > Switch to Firefox from IE, if possible. Also, download and run the
- > free version of Pop-Up Stopper.
- > Lastly, download a copy of registrymechanic and let it check the
- > Windows registry for bad or alien entries.
- > -Rich
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• *Follow-Ups:*

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 ◇ *From:* Starlord
- ◆ ***Re: Off Topic: Hijacked***
 ◇ *From:* Richard Carlson

• *References:*

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 ◇ *From:* Starlord
- ◆ ***Re: Off Topic: Hijacked***
 ◇ *From:* RichA

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