

## Re: anti-malware progs ineffective

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On Sun, 30 Jan 2005 17:32:43 -0000, "john jardine"

<john@jjdesigns.fsnet.co.uk> wrote:

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><Rubicon> wrote in message news:41fdb5a4.2546132@news.netaccess.co.nz...  
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>> John,  
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>> I've only just gotten rid of it myself.  
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>> Spybot was useless but didn't crash on my machine. Ad-Aware SE  
>> Personal combined with the trial version of Spy Sweeper along with the  
>> new AVG Free and all with the latest definitions finally managed to do  
>> it.  
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>> The Spyware/Adware/Malware/Spam E-Mail just seems to be getting worse.  
>> I'm becoming more and more reluctant to go online because of the  
>> immense frustration at trying to get rid of them afterwards.  
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>> Good luck.  
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>> Andrew.  
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>  
>Pleased to know it's actually possible to get rid of the f\*\*\*ing thing.  
>I've just downloaded those 3 software items and will give 'em a try. What  
>I'm ill at ease with, is paying for anti-virus software. The cynical part of  
>me is suspecting I'd then be actively propping up the whole nightmare.  
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>Past day or so I've been using Firefox as the browser which has been no  
>problem. But the major scumware component is still present somewhere in  
>windows and I'm seeing the Internet-Explorer browser opening up over the top  
>of Firefox (or this outlook express) every 6 minutes or so and advertising  
>crap. Even has the cheek to rattle my a: floppy disc drive and then put up  
>an antivirus advert.  
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>Even have my own f\*\*\*ing bank advertising with coolWWW, so am having to  
>pursue with vigour and extreme prejudice, the bank's marketing people. Each

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>hour megabytes of scumware programmes are self installing all over the hard  
>disc, along with scum porn and ringtone icons littered everywhere. They'll  
>continuously alter the 'host.TXT' file, the start up prog list, the active  
>running progs, the home page, the IE addons and numerous registry entries.  
>In addition to this, the scumware also enjoys auto-altering certain  
>"permissions" on IE (an oxymoron if ever I saw one) so I can't close it down  
>or get at the 'options tab etc. Have now to run another prog called  
>'permissions' to reset a number of IE check boxes before I can even start  
>removing the rubbish that's come in.  
>Even tried to remove IE itself <http://www.litepc.com/ieradicator.html> but  
>this prog is worthless.  
>I tried reinstalling windows, but no joy as it assumes existing files are  
>OK. There's only a couple of self supporting virus/trojan files at work but  
>windows is littered across 1000's of files so manually finding 'em is damned  
>near impossible. Can't even just delete all the windows files as any normal  
>software install will bung masses of unknown .exes, .dlls, junk, etc, in  
>among the windows stuff. Jesus H Christ, windows is a f\*\*\*ing mess.  
>'Spybot', 'miniremoval', 'CWshredder', 'Hijackthis', 'Win patrolExplorer'  
>(and about 4 others!), have proved useless and I just hope that your  
>suggestions will work for me.  
>If not, then I'm looking to manually dismantle as much of Internet Explorer  
>as I can without unduly crippling windows (or Firefox).  
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>10/10 for whoever wrote this POS. I just wish the major software companies  
>would make their products as reliable.  
>  
>regards  
>john  
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Knocking on wood... I'm very impressed with Mozilla Firefox. NO  
adware since I switched from IE. And I don't need StopZilla or Cookie  
Pal anymore.

...Jim Thompson

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I love to cook with wine. Sometimes I even put it in the food.