

Re: anti-malware progs ineffective

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"Jim Thompson" <thegreatone@example.com> wrote in message
news:07hqv05bg7k37v64i3dme4n4gc1gbkcrq6@4ax.com...
> 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

> >hour megabytes of scumware programmes are self installing all over the hard

> >disc, along with scum porn and ringtone icons littered everywhere.

They'll

> >continously 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.

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> >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.

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

Same here Jim. I'm very pleased.

Although I emptied the IE cache store every week, there were usually about 50-100 'tracking cookies' to be found in it.

Also, looks like 'Ad-Aware SE Personal' has managed to kill 'CoolWWW' !!!
It wasn't just-a-couple of files like I thought, but 39 separate CoolWWW *.DLLs files, 58 registry changes, plus 44 other *.exe and *.DLL scumwares belonging to 5 other sales outfits. Big problem was a counterfeit MStask.exe running as if normal. It took 3 locks ups and 2 crashes before Ad-Aware winkled them all out. All this grief is the result of my visiting a porn site two weeks ago. Let one in and they hold the door open for the rest.

I'll give it a couple of days and hope I can thank Andrew for the recommend.

regards

john