

Re: anti-malware progs ineffective

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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.

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.

Even have my own f***ing bank advertising with coolWWW, so am having to pursue with vigour and extreme predjudice, 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/ieradiator.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).

10/10 for whoever wrote this POS. I just wish the major software companies would make their products as reliable.

regards
john