

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.
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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.

...Jim Thompson

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