

Worm in XP that kills updates, etc

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Hi Guys

I have spent most of this week trying to kill the worm, or whatever it is that may be troubling some of you. The symptoms I had: no task manager display (it flashes up and disappears), massive uncontrolled/unwanted data flow in and out of my PC, complete waste of hours and hours downloading anti-virus/spyware software.

Short of booting from a discs that has a stinger in it, seems pretty much impossible to kill it off. There is hope, however!!

Get the Trend Micro Firewall/PCCillin free download, or if you have a firewall installed, check your settings. The virus allows hackers, or whatever the sons of slime who created these things are called, to get into PCs through Port 443. If you set your firewall to maximum protection, and look at your port settings, you can Disable port 443.

Sites like this one use Port 443 for secure links into PCs, and MicroTrend alerts you whenever yon connect, so it's not as though you can't access https:// sites anymore. It just means the worm can't communicate with its farty breathed masters.

Hope this helps. I knew nothing about any of this until four days ago. Firewalls and stingers rule!!

PS. If this makes no difference at all to the problem you are facing, sorry I couldn't make it better.

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