

Re: 16 BIT ERROR – CAN NO–ONE HELP???

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On Sun, 14 Nov 2004 02:41:08 -0800, maryc wrote:

- > *Sent this message 31.10 no response at all, surely there must be someone who*
- > *can help – I realise I can run the fix each time I boot up but there is*
- > *obviously a problem!! Help???*
- > *I have had this problem for a little while and have tried various fixes,*
- > *however each time I boot up I have to run the fix. I've searched for*
- > *windupdate but thats not the problem. Dont have XP CD as it is preloaded.*
- > *Does anyone have any other ideas please.*
- > --

Windupdate is not a valid Windows file. Apparently it is a trojan and it is responsible for the repeated deletion of the autoexec.nt file.

QUOTE from MVP Kelly Theriot's site:

MS-DOS or 16-bit Windows-based program Error Message

>From Ron:

Running Audit on my computer showed that a program called WINDUPDATE.EXE (not WINUPDATE.EXE) was deleting my Autoexec.nt file on boot up. If I replaced the file it would delete it again. Go to \Program Files\WINDUPDATE folder and delete it!

Go to your registry and delete anything named WINDUPDATE. Put the Autoexec.nt file back into your \system32 folder and all is well! This was definately the problem here and I bet most everyone has the same nasty bugger, WINDUPDATE.EXE on their infected computer.

AND another QUOTE:

This installation program will reinstall the missing or corrupt Windows XP system files command.com, autoexec.nt and config.nt. The absence or corruption of one or more of these files causes a "16 Bit Subsystem" error.

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XP_Fix.EXE by TRF Systems, Inc.

http://www.visualtour.com/downloads/xp_fix.exe

More discussion of this error and windupdate:

<http://groups.google.com/groups?q=windupdate&hl=en&lr=&start=10&sa=N>

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