

Re: Tool Bars

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Thank you for all the replies about my tool bar. I was successful in getting rid of the "search now" tool bar.

"Shenan Stanley" <news_helper@hushmail.com> wrote in message news:%23iimso5DEHA.688@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> *Karen F wrote:*

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> > *After downloading some programs, it seems I now have a new toolbar*

> > *that I don't like. It's called "Search Now" and sits at the top of*

> > *my screen while I'm in IE. I tried to get rid of it by going to*

> > *"view - toolbars" and unchecking it but it is still there. Can*

> > *anyone tell me how to get rid of this unwanted tool bar. Thanks.*

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> *Although some people complain about this "long list" of things I give, if*

> *you do these things (some periodically) then I truly believe (because I*
see

> *it every day from others I have suggested it to) that you can keep your*

> *machine spyware/adware/malware/virus/trojan free and running much better*

> *than it likely does by the time you ask this question on a newsgroup like*

> *this one. (I won't mention "popup free", because you WILL hit a web page*

> *where a popup is truly necessary and needed by you. But I will say "less*

> *popups guaranteed. No Messenger Popups for sure."*)

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> *So, that being said, here is the list:*

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> *Turn on that firewall...*

> <http://www.microsoft.com/WindowsXP/home/using/howto/homenet/icf.asp>

> *(It has been reported that it now works with AOL 9.0+)*

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> *Make sure you have all the updates (critical) installed from:*

> <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com/>

> *(Scan for updates, Review and Install)*

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> *Get rid of the spy/ad/mal-ware..*

> *(Yes - using MORE than one of these..*

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- > *I recommend at least the first three. Also..*
- > *UPDATE the definitions for them before using.)*
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- > *Spybot Search and Destroy*
- > *<http://www.safer-networking.net/>*
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- > *Lavasoft AdAware*
- > *<http://www.lavasoft.de>*
- >
- > *CWSShredder*
- > *<http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html>*
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- > *Hijack This!*
- > *<http://mjc1.com/mirror/hjt/>*
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- > *I also like "The Cleaner" and "SpywareBlaster" and "SpywareGuard".*
- > *– <http://www.moosoft.com/>*
- > *– <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/>*
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- > *The first is a PAY product, but useable for 30 days – it has found and*
- > *eliminated problems in the past the others did not. The latter two are*
- > *prevention mechanisms. I like SpywareGuard for those with enough*
- processor
- > *to have something running like antivirus software – and it prevents*
- browser
- > *hijacking quite well.*
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- > *And Assortment of Others:*
- > *<http://www.merijn.org/downloads.html>*
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- > *After you cleanup your PC somewhat of spy/ad/mal-ware, verify your*
- antivirus
- > *software is updated and run a full scan of your computer. If you have no*
- > *antivirus software – get one NOW! Grisoft AntiVirus:*
- > *http://www.grisoft.com/us/us_dwnl_free.php*
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- > *Empty your Temporary Internet Files and shrink the size it stores to about*
- > *80 to 120MB (seems to be an optimal size for the normal user)*
- >
- > *– Open ONE copy of Internet Explorer.*
- > *– Select TOOLS –> Internet Options.*
- > *– Under the General tab in the "Temporary Internet Files" section,*
- > *do the following:*
- > *– Click on "Delete Cookies" (click OK)*
- > *– Click on "Settings" and change the*
- > *"Amount of disk space to use:" to something between 80MB*
- > *and 120MB. (Betting it is MUCH larger right now.)*
- > *– Click OK.*

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- > – Click on "Delete Files" and select to
- > "Delete all offline contents" (the checkbox) and click
- > OK. (If you had a LOT, this could take 2–10 minutes or
- > more.)
- > – Once it is done, click OK, close Internet Explorer
- > – Re–open Internet Explorer.
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- > Uninstall any software you do not use often/ever. (If you have something
- > installed but never use it, uninstall it.) If you go through Control
- > Panel –> Add/Remove Programs and see things you seldom if ever use, it is
- to
- > your advantage to remove it.
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- > Also, if you are tired of Web Page Pop–Ups/Unders.. You could try the
- > Google Toolbar.
- > <http://toolbar.google.com/>
- >
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- > Stop loading applications at logon.. run MSCONFIG and look under the
- startup
- > tab for things you DON'T want to startup! Search the Internet with Google
- > to discover what things are safe to remove and what things may even be
- > malware infecting your computer.
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- > Better control your email and lessen the amount of time you spend dealing
- > with SPAM:
- > SpamBayes
- > <http://spambayes.sourceforge.net>
- > or
- > Spamihilator.
- > <http://www.spamihilator.com>
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- > <– Shenan –>
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