

Re: msconfigx32 keeps coming up

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To download, please select one of the mirror sites listed below and follow the links to obtain your copy of Ad-Aware.
<http://www.lavasoft.de/support/download/>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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MS-MVP Windows Shell/User

In news:OJwusxPzFHA.2008@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx,
Uncle Joe <Uncle Jose@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:
> Bruce,
>
> Visited Ad-Aware to acquire LavaSoft's "free"
> edition as you recommended but everything I
> saw on the site required a purchase. Already
> have Symantec Internet Security and PC Tools'
> Spyware Doctor, so don't want to spend another
> \$40-50 bucks. I do have a old version of a free
> Ad-Aware scanner but its definitions are dated
> 2004. LavaSoft offers no facility to update these
> ancient definitions.
>
> Do you have a specific "freeware" URL?
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> "Bruce Chambers" <bchambers@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> [news:OCMg\\$hpzFHA.2880@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:OCMg$hpzFHA.2880@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)
>> Michael wrote:
>>> my firewall says msconfigx32 wants to access the internet. What is
>>> it?
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>> Nothing good. It's most definitely not a Windows file. What
>> specific anti-virus application are you using? Are its virus
>> definition files current? What other sort of anti-malware
>> applications are you using?
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>> To deal with issues caused by any sort of "adware" and/or
>> "spyware," such as Gator, Comet Cursors, Smiley Central, Xupiter,
>> Bonzai Buddy, or KaZaA, and their remnants, that you've deliberately
>> (but without understanding the consequences) installed, two
>> products that are quite effective (at finding and removing this type
>> of scumware) are Ad-Aware from www.lavasoft.de and SpyBot Search &
>> Destroy from www.safer-networking.org/. Both have free versions.
>> It's even possible to use SpyBot Search & Destroy to "immunize" your
>> system against most future intrusions. I use both and generally
>> perform manual scans every week or so to clean out cookies, etc.
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>> Additionally, manual removal instructions for the most common
>> varieties of scumware are available here:
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>> PC Hell Spyware and Adware Removal Help
>> <http://www.pchell.com/support/spyware.shtml>
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>> More information and assistance is available at these sites:
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>> Blocking Ads, Parasites, and Hijackers with a Hosts File
>> <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/hosts.htm>
>>
>> The Parasite Fight
>> <http://www.aumha.org/a/parasite.htm>
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>> There are several essential components to computer security: a
>> knowledgeable and pro-active user, a properly configured firewall,
>> reliable and up-to-date antivirus software, and the prompt repair
>> (via
>> patches, hotfixes, or service packs) of any known vulnerabilities.
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>> The weakest link in this "equation" is, of course, the computer
>> user. No software manufacturer can -- nor should they be expected
>> to -- protect the computer user from him/herself. All too many
>> people
>> have bought into the various PC/software manufacturers marketing
>> claims of easy computing. They believe that their computer should
>> be
>> no harder to use than a toaster oven; they have neither the
>> inclination or desire to learn how to safely use their computer.
>> All
>> too few people keep their antivirus software current, install
>> patches
>> in a timely manner, or stop to really think about that cutesy link
>> they're about to click.
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>> Firewalls and anti-virus applications, which should always be
>> used
>> and should always be running, are important components of "safe
>> hex,"
>> but they cannot, and should not be expected to, protect the computer
>> user from him/herself. Ultimately, it is incumbent upon each and
>> every computer user to learn how to secure his/her own computer.
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>> To learn more about practicing "safe hex," start with these
>> links:
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>> Protect Your PC
>> <http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/default.asp>
>>
>> Home Computer Security
>> <http://www.cert.org/homeusers/HomeComputerSecurity/>
>>
>> List of Antivirus Software Vendors
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us:49500>
>>
>> Home PC Firewall Guide
>> <http://www.firewallguide.com/>
>>
>> Scumware.com
>> <http://www.scumware.com/>
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>> Bruce Chambers
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>> Help us help you:
>> <http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>
>> <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>
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>> You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on
>> having both at once. – RAH

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