

Re: A Sea of Troubles

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Thanks to all who replied, Sounds like its a format and reinstall problem
regrettably,
"RA" nomail@home wrote If you unlock the taskbar you should be able to
resize.... How do I "Unlock" the taskbar please ?

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"cquirke (MVP Win9x)" <cquirkenews@nospam.mvps.org> wrote in message
news:ef5b505t1vo0lk71b39oq2ujbd9a0jfk9l@4ax.com...
> On Sun, 14 Mar 2004 13:24:48 -0500, "Nick Burns" <thedoc@hotmail.com>
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> >Once you get the virus it does it's damage to your system regardless of
when you
> >remove it. You are running a wounded system and who knows what problems
you
> >will encounter in the future.
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> The expectation in Win9x is that any malware that has not hatched a
> destructive payload can be removed, without leaving the system
> unfixably "wounded". If "more secure" XP on NTFS forces you into a
> world of "virus? oh dear, better format and re-install", then it's a
> far poorer proposition than Win9x, no matter what the marketoids or
> feature-list checkboxes say.
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> Your problems may be:
> - co-incidental
> - related to flaky hardware
> - caused by persistent active malware
> - caused by other un-detected malware
> - from damage secondary to bad exits and "auto-fix"
> - from damage secondary to av "cleaning" of viruses
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> If you are forced to bad-exit, the next boot will see AutoChk
> automatically "fixing" file system errors. The "fixes" can leave the
> affected files broken, but no longer detectable as broken. That's why
> it's crucial to preserve logs of what AutoChk and ChkDsk have done.
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> If you have a genuine virus that infects inside existing code files,
> then when the antivirus "cleans" these files, they may be left damaged
> (though no longer infected or infectious). That's why it's crucial to
> preserve logs of what antivirus detects and "cleans".
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> If you rely on informal antivirus (av) scanning of the system, or use
> an antivirus that only scans "some" file types, or an antivirus that
> is not up to date, what you see may not be all there is. By

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> "informal", I mean a scan done while malware is actively running -
> something that NTFS pretty much obliges you to do.
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> Once Windows is running from the HD, the malware could be running too;
> yes, even in "safe mode".
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> >"RA" <nomail@home> wrote in message
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> >> I don't know if this will help but we had a user who got the virus
also. It
> >> was discovered quickly and removed and we thought everything would be
ok.
> >> But some strange things started happening with various programs and I
> >> didn't even think about the virus being the cause. I ran AdAware6 just
> >> because this user usually has tons of spyware on her pc.
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> Yep, commercial malware's another problem that traditional av won't
> detect. It's as important to make sure your anti-commercial-malware
> tools are up to date as your av, though because commercial malware has
> to at least *pretend* to be there by your consent, informal scanning
> (from within the "infected" OS) is OK.
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> >> If you unlock the taskbar, you should be able to resize it.
> >> Can't help you with your steering, sorry.
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> Bagle.A doesn't affect motor steering; that's Bagle.XJ.
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> Running Windows-based av to kill active malware is like striking
> a match to see if what you are standing in is water or petrol.
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Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (<http://www.grisoft.com>).
Version: 6.0.620 / Virus Database: 399 - Release Date: 3/11/2004