

## Re: Topmoxie

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Excellent. Thank you.

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Regards,

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Remove "Nosspam" when e-mailing

"Shenan Stanley" <news\_helper@hushmail.com> wrote in message  
news:O3tmVTbDEHA.3240@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> Joe wrote:

> anonymous@discussions.Microsoft.com

> > How do you get rid of Topmoxie?

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> Specifically:

> Symantec says:

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> <http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/adware.topmoxie.html>

> The creators say:

> <http://www.topmoxie.com/faqs.htm>

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> I believe Symantec.

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> Cleanup that machine (all of this could fix your issue AND prevent future  
> infections..):

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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..

> 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>

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> CWSShredder  
> <http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html>  
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> Hijack This!  
> <http://micl.com/mirror/hit/>  
>  
> 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](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.  
> - 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.  
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> Stop loading applications at logon.. run MSCONFIG and look under the

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> tab for things you DON'T want to startup!
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