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Hersh,

I have read quite a few by James Lee Burke, Dave Robicheaux.

With the link I supplied, I wasn't sure what variant it was. There are at least four of these BlazeFind parasites.

[[Add/Remove Programs for 'MS AUpdate' (AUpdate variant), 'MS Updates' (MSCache variant), or 'ISTbar' (ISTbar variant)].]

These are not good. Just a guess, but if you try to remove, they demand Internet access.

Give HijackThis a shot. You may want to start in Safe Mode.

Starting your computer in Safe mode

<http://tinyurl.com/pfca>

3) HijackThis

<http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html>

This may be useful also.

HijackThis Log Tutorial

<http://www.aumha.org/a/hjttutor.htm>

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

Wes

In news:%234vDeUsREHA.3616@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl,

Hersh Kline <hkline@shaw.ca> hunted and pecked:

> Hi Wes, I have read Dennis Lehane and really like his Patrick and  
> Angie stories set in Boston. Shutter Island I was so-so on, probably  
> in part because I work in the mental health field and read it with a  
> critical/credibility lens. My bad. ;>  
> btw, have you read James Lee Burke? He's right up there for me with  
> Connelly and Lehane.  
> I tried your suggestions, actually none of the boxes were checked, I  
> ran another scan, and still have the blaze find thing. Darn! I also  
> went to the link you suggested, and tried the regedit stuff but in  
> the end the roots did not lead to the suggested files to remove.

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> Hmmmm...
> As far as the add/remove entries, they did not show up on my computer:
> ("There is a entry in Add/Remove Programs for 'MS AUpdate' (AUpdate
> variant), 'MS Updates' (MSCache variant), or 'ISTbar' (ISTbar
> variant)").
> I think I'm dead ended again.
> If you have any other suggestions, I'm sure open to trying them. And,
> thanks for trying to help thus far! Also: if it makes sense to you
> to email me directly, please feel free to: herish@shaw.ca.
> Thanks,
> Herish
>
> --
> ~ h ~
> "Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@comcast.net> wrote in message
> news:iuxuc.29058$n_6.27213@attbi_s53...
>> Herish;
>>
>> I'm reading one by Dennis Lehane, "Shutter Island."
>>
>> Try this.
>> Make sure Spybot S & D is in Advanced Mode.
>> Up next to File, Mode | Advanced Mode | In the left hand pane
>> click Settings | Ignore Products | All Products tab
>> Make sure there's no check mark in any of these:
>>   BlazeFind.AUpdate
>>   BlazeFind.Bridge
>> from Updates 4. March 2004
>>   BlazeFind.SearchBarCash
>> from Updates 4. March 2004
>>   BlazeFind.SearchEnhancer.ISTbar
>> from Updates 4. March 2004
>> Click Spybot S & D in the left hand pane | Check for problems
>>
>> I had some SCUMWARE and for some reason the ignore boxes
>> were checked for that SCUMWARE. I didn't check the boxes.
>> I assume that somehow the SCUMWARE did. I noticed this after
>> I thought that I had rid myself of it. Found two references after I
>> UNChecked the boxes and ran Check for problems.
>>
>> All gone now. :-)
>>
>> blazefind. removal instructions {I don't know which flavor this is}
>> http://www.doxdesk.com/parasite/ISTbar.html
>>
>> --
>> Hope this helps. Let us know.
>> Wes
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>> In news:uU7CjQqREHA.2848@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl,
>> Herish Kline <hkline@shaw.ca> hunted and pecked:
>>> Thanks for all of your help Wes, you led me into some interesting
>>> and little-known areas! I downloaded and ran Spybot S&D and
>>> Registry Mechanic. Spybot seemed to recognize BlazeFind and I did
>>> my best to delete it, but the Search thingy is still with me. Oh
>>> well. (I run adaware 6.0 every few weeks, and that did not seem to
>>> find BlazeFind). By the way, I'm reading Connelly's new book -- The
>>> Narrows -- hard to put down, yet putting it down helps prolong the
>>> pleasure!
>>> Herish
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>>> --
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>>> ~ h ~
>>> "Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel1955@comcast.net> wrote in message
>>> news:yIbuc.157155eY2.8358@attbi_s02...
>>>> Hersh;
>>>>
>>>> I happen to like Michael Connelly also. I've read a few of his
>>>> books. :-) I've heard a couple of radio interviews with him, on a
>>>> Denver station.
>>>>
>>>> However, Blaze Find is a Hijacker. SCUMWARE!
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>>>> First.
>>>> Right click the IE icon | Properties | Advanced tab |
>>>> Make sure both of these are NOT checked.
>>>>
>>>> Enable Install On Demand (Internet Explorer)
>>>> [[Specifies to automatically download and install Internet Explorer
>>>> components if a Web page needs them in order to display the page
>>>> properly or perform a particular task.]]
>>>> Enable Install On Demand (Other)
>>>> [[Specifies to automatically download and install Web components if
>>>> a Web page needs them in order to display the page properly or
>>>> perform a particular task.]]
>>>>
>>>> Apply | OK
>>>> =====
>>>>
>>>> Second.
>>>> It is known as Scumware. Visit these sites. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are
>>>> really good. Download, install, run, update and run again; one or
>>>> all. They are all good, FREE utilities.
>>>> 1) Spybot S & D
>>>> http://www.safer-networking.org/index.php?lang=en&page=download
>>>> or
>>>> http://www.majorgeeks.com/downloads31.html
>>>>
>>>> 2) SpywareBlaster
>>>> [[SpywareBlaster doesn't scan and clean for spyware - it prevents
>>>> it from ever being installed.
>>>> The most important step you can take is to secure your system. And
>>>> SpywareBlaster is the most powerful protection program available.]]
>>>> http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareblaster.html
>>>>
>>>> 3) HijackThis (some other stuff that may be of interest also)
>>>> http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html
>>>>
>>>> 4) CWShredder direct download:
>>>> http://216.180.233.163/~merijn/files/CWShredder.exe
>>>>
>>>> 4½) CWShredder
>>>> http://majorgeeks.com/download4086.html
>>>>
>>>> 5) Bazooka Adware and Spyware Scanner v1.13
>>>> http://www.kephyr.com/spywarescanner/index.html?source=appvisit
>>>>
>>>> 6) ToolbarCop
>>>> http://www.mvps.org/sramesh2k/toolbarcop.htm
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>>>> 7) AdAware
>>>> http://www.lavasoft.de/support/download/
>>>> =====
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>>>>>> Hersh Kline <hkline@shaw.ca> hunted and pecked:
>>>>>> Hi Wes, thanks for the effort -- but no luck on my part. I
>>>>>> downloaded the file, then got my "Norton Malicious" message,
>>>>>> then tried the options "allow this activity once" and
>>>>>> "authorize this script."
>>>>>> Things looked promising when I received a message box stating
>>>>>> "The Search Assistant is now disabled. You may need to Log
>>>>>> off/Log on For the change to take effect."
>>>>>> So I tried that, no luck -- tried doing an uncheck, went through
>>>>>> the process again -- no luck. Tried restarting -- still no
>>>>>> luck. If you have any further suggestions, I'd be much
>>>>>> obliged...
>>>>>> with thanks
>>>>>> Hersh
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>>>>>> --
>>>>>> ~ h ~
>>>>>> "Wesley Vogel" <123WVogel955@comcast.net> wrote in message
>>>>>> news:Pd6uc.10106$pt3.4691@attbi_s03...
>>>>>> Go here:
>>>>>> http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp\_tweaks.htm
>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Read instructions at the top.
>>>>>>> Scroll down to and click
>>>>>>> 15. Right hand side
>>>>>>> Disable Search Assistant
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> --
>>>>>>> Hope this helps. Let us know.
>>>>>>> Wes
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> In news:ugbKCKaREHA.3016@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl,
>>>>>>> Hersh Kline <hkline@shaw.ca> hunted and pecked:
>>>>>>>> Hi, just thought I'd try again:
>>>>>>>> Does anyone know how to get rid of the Tool Bar Search
>>>>>>>> Assistant function that lives on the bottom of my XP screen
>>>>>>>> in the task bar? I right-click the task bar, get a pulldown
>>>>>>>> menu that shows an option for Toolbars, and un-check "Search
>>>>>>>> Assistant," but then each time I log on it returns.
>>>>>>>> Thanks very much,
>>>>>>>> Hersh
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