

Re: Spyware?

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My God...that is indeed a frightening thought...and AOL firewall.

Isn't that an oxymoron?

Bobby

"Susan" <dsnsacree@msn.com> wrote in message
news:O5VOv5kXEHA.2664@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
> Thank you Bruce. Yes, I found out that the Windows XP firewall will not
> work
> with AOL. I am still in the stone-age with dial-up, but the free AOL
> firewall for broadband will work for a AOL dial-up user.
> "Bruce Chambers" <bchambers@nospamcableone.net> wrote in message
> news:OJPYO64VEHA.3900@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...
>> Greetings --
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>> There are at least three varieties of pop-ups, and the solutions
>> vary accordingly. Which specific type(s) is troubling you?
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>> 1) Does the title bar of these pop-ups read "Messenger Service?"
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>> This type of spam has become quite common over the past year or
>> so, and unintentionally serves as a valid security "alert." It
>> demonstrates that you haven't been taking sufficient precautions while
>> connected to the Internet. Your data probably hasn't been compromised
>> by these specific advertisements, but if you're open to this exploit,
>> you most definitely open to other threats, such as the Blaster,
>> Welchia, and Sasser Worms that still haunt the Internet. Install and
>> use a decent, properly configured firewall. (Merely disabling the
>> messenger service, as some people recommend, only hides the symptom,
>> and does little or nothing to truly secure your machine.) And
>> ignoring or just "putting up with" the security gap represented by
>> these messages is particularly foolish.
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>> Messenger Service of Windows
>> <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;en-us;168893>
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>> *Messenger Service Window That Contains an Internet Advertisement*

>> *Appears*

>> <http://support.microsoft.com/?id=330904>

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>> *Stopping Advertisements with Messenger Service Titles*

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>> <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/howto/communicate/stopspam.asp>

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>> *Blocking Ads, Parasites, and Hijackers with a Hosts File*

>> <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/hosts.htm>

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>> *If you're using AOL, you'll either need to find a 3rd party*

>> *firewall that is compatible with AOL, or switch to a real ISP that is*

>> *compatible with the real Internet. This is because AOL is an on-line*

>> *content provider that ignores international Internetworking standards*

>> *in favor of its own proprietary products, and has deliberately made*

>> *its connection software incompatible with both WinXP's built-in*

>> *firewall and WinXP's Internet Connection Sharing feature. AOL's*

>> *proprietary connection applet is deliberately designed to preclude*

>> *your setting/adjusting any of its properties, to include*

>> *enabling/disabling WinXP's ICF and ICS.*

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>> *Whichever firewall you decide upon, be sure to ensure UDP ports*

>> *135, 137, and 138 and TCP ports 135, 139, and 445 are _all_ blocked.*

>> *You may also disable Inbound NetBIOS (NetBIOS over TCP/IP). You'll*

>> *have to follow the instructions from firewall's manufacturer for the*

>> *specific steps.*

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>> *You can test your firewall at:*

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>> *Symantec Security Check*

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http://security.symantec.com/ssc/vr_main.asp?langid=ie&venid=sym&plfid=23&pkj=GPVHGBYNCJEIMXQKCDT

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>> *Security Scan – Sygate Online Services*

>> <http://www.sygatetech.com/>

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>> *Oh, and be especially wary of people who advise you to do nothing*

>> *more than disable the messenger service. Disabling the messenger*

>> *service, by itself, is a "head in the sand" approach to computer*

>> *security. The real problem is _not_ the messenger service pop-ups;*

>> *they're actually providing a useful, if annoying, service by acting as*

>> *a security alert. The true problem is the unsecured computer, and*

>> *you've been advised to merely turn off the warnings. How is this*

>> *helpful?*

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>> *2) For regular Internet pop-ups, you might try the free 12Ghosts*

>> *Popup-killer from <http://12ghosts.com/ghosts/popup.htm>, Pop-Up Stopper*

>> *from <http://www.panicware.com/>, or the free Google Toolbar from*

>> *<http://toolbar.google.com/>, which is what I use.*

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>> 3) *To deal with pop-ups caused by any sort of "adware" and/or*
>> *"spyware," such as Gator, Comet Cursors, 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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>> *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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>> *"zeretul1" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message*
>> *news:1ed6f01c4575c\$c7907f40\$a301280a@phx.gbl...*
>> *> I keep getting advertisement pop-ups, and I have the*
>> *> google toolbar, but the pop-ups are always the same. i*
>> *> think it might be spyware, but i have used about 20*
>> *> different programs, and none of them cant stop these pop-*
>> *> ups. the ads pop-up in full IE windows, and are usually*
>> *> for anti-spyware programs?! Any thought?*
>> *>*
>> *> Much love!*
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