

## Re: Spyware: how to clean registry and stop returns

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It is a good list, but on a computer that is only two weeks old, it would be easier to reformat and do a clean install, install those programs, be sure the firewall and anti-virus are turned on. Then start over clean.

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The people think the Constitution protects their rights;  
But government sees it as an obstacle to be overcome.  
"Rock" <rock@comcast.nospam.net> wrote in message  
news:ODwVYlanEHA.3628@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...  
| Ron wrote:  
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| > Hi, glad you're there for us!  
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| > I have an almost inoperable PC that's just two weeks  
old.  
| > I run WinsXP home, Service pack 1, with I.E Explorer.  
| > The system came with Norton AntVirus 2004 but I failed  
to  
| > turn on it's Firewall for the first 2 days.  
| > I added Ad-Aware (Personal SE), SpyBot's (Search &  
| > Destroy), and Registry Cleaner. The systems detect  
| > hundreds of Spyware items, remove many of these  
malicious  
| > files, and clean up some of their registry entries.  
| > But I'm always always left with enough Spyware and  
| > registry changes that they seem to come back in full  
| > disabling force when I go online.  
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| > Question 1:  
| > I realize I need to clean my registry, and it's obvious  
| > that the above applications can't do that ENTIRE  
| > cleansing, but is there an alternative to using  
"regedit"  
| > and manually removing the hundreds of offending registry  
| > items Spyware created?  
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| > Question 2:  
| > I just installed "Spybalster 3.2". It claims to prevent  
| > re-entry of Spyware, and even "prevent it from running  
on  
| > your system'. Does that mean I can effectively prevent

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| > even the Spyware registry entries from reinstalling or  
re-  
| > activating these pests?  
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| > Thanks, Ron  
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| You need to run a combination of programs and do so in  
safe mode.  
| You'll need to check for spyware/adware as well as  
viruses.  
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| In addition to Adaware and Spybot which you say you have  
(note Adaware  
| just released a new version 1.05), run these programs to  
check for  
| spyware/malware. After installing update them, then boot  
into safe mode  
| and run them. You should update and run them weekly.  
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| Cwshredder  
| <http://aumha.org/freeware/freeware.php#cwshred>  
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| Pest Patrol Free Pest Scanner  
| <http://www.pestscan.com/ScanOrTrial.asp>  
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| If you're still having problems after running these then  
run HijackThis  
| and post the log to one of the specialty forums, NOT  
this one.  
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