

Re: Double popup not blocked?

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"Richard Urban" <richardurbanREMOVETHIS@hotmail.com>
wrote in news:uU3FUIUkEHA.3392@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl:
> *I have been telling people here the same thing for a year! (-:*
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> *But, many are cheap and don't want to pay \$19.95 for an excellent*
> *product!*

Yeah, amazing. Same for shareware that the users continue to use way past the trial period. They use something like IE SP-2's popup blocker or the ones in the freebie Google or Yahoo toolbars and wonder:

- Why they cannot block Flash content, or replay it after it was blocked.
- How to replay that last blocked popup (since a refresh of the next page won't show it as it was initiated from the prior page).
- How to list what all got blocked by the popup blocker, whether as a list of URLs or in the form of statistics.
- How to bypass the useless warning dialogs.
- How to disable script timers or mouse tricks without totally disabling scripting.
- How to whitelist some sites to popups are allowed (and without having to resort to trusting them in the Trusted Sites security zone, if their popup blocker even honors the Trusted Sites security zone).
- How to get rid of those pesky Geocities ad-squares or InVue ads.
- How to prevent changes to their home page (from unsolicited/unclicked dialogs).
- How long to leave the popup on the screen before automatically closing it (so you can choose between almost immediate to long enough to let you know what might've been in it but still get it out of the way).
- What was it that it all blocked on that page.
- Disable or just warn on the use of meta-refresh.
- How to, in general, allow popups on a domain (by whitelisting it) but still block some popups that appear (like farking surveys).
- What additional product they need for cookie management.
- What other product they need to clean up after closing the browser (history, recent doc list, temp files [which IE's option is flaky to

perform], favicons, and typed URLs).

– Why do I need a separate cookie manager and all these other tools constantly running when the only time their use is applicable is when the browser is loaded?

It's pretty handy to have a whole bunch of features rolled into one product which unfortunately sounds by its name as though all it handles is popups. Guess we're getting to sound too much like "affiliates" spamming the product here. :-o

I remember testing over a dozen different popup blockers and chose this one but didn't buy it until near the end of its trial period since I had lots of questions to ask and found the author very responsive. I remember having to work on the Links toolbar working for javascripted shortcuts (to allow them since YOU have to click on them). However, if blocking only some of the popups is good enough and you don't want all the extras in PopUp Cop and prefer a simpler and less featured product (mostly because you don't want to invest the time to figure out what a more powerful product will do so you know how to tailor it to your needs mostly because you prefer not to take the time to define your needs) then PopUp Cop would be overkill. I'm sure there are lots of users out there that think the Windows XP firewall (SP-1 or SP-2 versions) is good enough for them, or an anti-virus product shown in independent testing to catch only 87% to 95% of real in-the-wild viruses is good enough. And not everyone wants to devote the time and effort in trialing several similar products and then restore a disk image (to wipe out all pollution gets left by uninstalls) to then decide and install the one that they liked best. Some just want a quick, easy, and weak solution. It's hard to beat free if all you want is bare minimal functionality and are willing to endure irregular results.

If anyone comes up with a better popup blocker that also incorporates all the other functions of PopUp Cop, or more, and at that price then I'll surely go check it out. Unfortunately popup blockers don't get the same level of *independent* review and testing as do anti-virus, anti-spam, and anti-spyware products. They're just not as glitzy or cause overall as much trouble as viruses and malware. It would be handy if even Edensoft came up with their "compare us to them" web page. From my communications with the author, he seems the type that would even point out any deficiencies of his product when compared to others.