

Re: ERROR Loading C: Bridge.dll

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ARTURO wrote:

- > *When this Dell 2400 with Windows XP Home is turned on it*
- > *starts normally until you click on the user name. I then*
- > *gives the following message:*
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- > *"ERROR Loading C:\Windows\Downloaded Program*
- > *Files\bridge.dll*
- > *The specified module could not be found"*
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- > *After that, My Computer and Control Panel and other*
- > *programs cannot be accessed. The accessing of shared*
- > *programs is extremely slow and the Performance of the CPU*
- > *is always shown at 100%.*
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- > *I noticed that Service Pack 2 was automatically*
- > *downloaded. Could this be the problem? How do I fix it?*
- > *Format the C: Drive?*
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- > *Thank You*

Bridge.dll is not a valid Windows file, it's part of LoudMarketing's spyware.

<http://pestpatrol.com/pestinfo/l/loudmarketing.asp>

To deal with issues caused by any sort of "adware" and/or "spyware," such as Gator, Comet Cursors, Smiley Central, 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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Additionally, manual removal instructions for the most common varieties of scumware are available here:

PC Hell Spyware and Adware Removal Help
<http://www.pchell.com/support/spyware.shtml>

More information and assistance is available at these sites:

Blocking Ads, Parasites, and Hijackers with a Hosts File
<http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/hosts.htm>

The Parasite Fight
<http://www.aumha.org/a/parasite.htm>

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Help us help you:

<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on having both at once. - RAH