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andy wrote:

- > *Whenever I start my computer I get a message from my*
- > *firewall that Windows Explorer has changed since my last*
- > *startup and that it is trying to contact IP 224.0.0.22*
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- > *the path on my system is C:\WINDOWS\system32\ntoskrnl.exe*
- >
- > *looking up the IP shows that it is for:IGMP.MCAST.NET*
- >
- > *Any explanation would be appreciated.*
- >
- > *Andy*

Sorry to add a second response, but I see that you already looked at your firewall log. It sounds very much like you have a trojan in place, but you should also check to see what legitimate (but possibly invasive) programs are "phoning home". Use Task Manager and msconfig to see what is running and look at all the preferences for those programs to see if they are searching for updates.

If you do have current av in place and the machine is clean, try running some anti-spyware tools, too, like Ad-aware and Spybot S&D.

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