

Re: Microsoft secret folders?

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Hi John

I have Spybot, Ad-Aware, and spywareblaster installed. I update and run them regularly. Just did again: no spyware. I did not install "I am big brother".

Zone alarm said that COM surrogate came from dllhost and I did find dllhost.exe in the system32 subdirectory. Now this is dllhost, not the dlhost that Symantec says is the spyware marker. No nl.exe.

dll.host appears to be a Microsoft file present as DLLHOST.EX_ IN MY i386 subdirectory. I therefore think it is legitimate.

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"John Barnett MVP" <freelanceit@mvps.org.NOSPAM> wrote in message

news:O\$0s\$PewEHA.728@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> Jeff glad i could be of assistance.

>

> Do you have Spybot S&D on your machine (www.safer-networking.org) ? If so i

> need you to run the application and see what it comes up with.

> I've done a search of Microsoft knowledge base and, unless i have missed

> something, haven't come up with a thing. MSDN (Microsoft Developer

Network)

> shows the dlhost.exe file as being an addition to an application. What

> worries me most is what i found on the Symantec web site. Take a look for

> yourself

> <http://www.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/spyware.iambigbrother.html>

> Just make sure you keep denying the Com Surrogate file access for the

> moment. I assume that denying it access is not having any detrimental effect

> on your pc?

> You or someone else haven't downloaded and installed an application called

> 'I am big brother' by any chance?

> The symantec site gives a list of files that 'i am big brother' produces

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> suggest, first that you use Spybot and second do a search of your drive

for

> the relevant files and see what you come up with.

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> Associate Expert
> www.freelanceit.glowinternet.net
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> "Jeff" <jeff@falsepart.com> wrote in message
> news:PQjhd.7813$Ae.2241@newsread1.dllstx09.us.to.verio.net...
> > John
> >
> > Thank you very much for all your help.
> >
> > Option 1 did not do it, but option 2 did. Maybe because I am still at
> > SP-1,
> > uptodate except for SP-2 itself.
> >
> > By the way my Zone Alarm firewall has been asking me if I would allow
"COM
> > Surrogate to access the Internet" from the application "dlhost.exe". I
> > keep
> > denying but am not sure what it is.
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> > Thank you again. You've been a great help.
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> > John Barnett MVP wrote:
> >> Jeff my Home edition has .Net framework 1.1
> >> Having said that i actually always install the .net framework from the
> >> retail cd each time i reinstall windows xp.
> >> You have three options:
> >> 1/ Download the .net service pack 3 update that windows update that
> >> the Windows Update site suggests you need. If this doesn't upgrade
> >> your .ner framework 9which i am sure it will) then try the next item.
> >> 2/ If you have a Windows XP Service pack 2 (SP2) cd (some PC
> >> magazines are supplying them as cover discs) Then browse the cd and
> >> look for the DotNetfx folder. You will see a list of files. Click (or
> >> double click) on the DOTNETFX file. This is the express etup file.
> >> failing that you can use the Setup file. Alternatively try the next
> >> item. 3/ Go to the Microsoft download site www.microsoft.com/download
> >> In the search for a download dialogic box click the green arrow and
> >> from the drop down menu select .NET and press the Go button. When the
> >> search results page opens it should show .net Framework version 1.1
> >> redistributable package as the first option. Click on this to
> >> download. It is around 24MB in size. Once it is downloaded then clcik
> >> on the file to install it.
> >> Well Jeff that's three options to keep you busy this weekend.
> >> Hopefully you will bne able to use both Cleancache and FreshUI
> >> afterwards:-)
> >>
> >> Good Luck!
> >>
> >> "Jeff" <jeff@falsepart.com> wrote in message
> >> news:LbZgd.7773$Ae.3162@newsread1.dllstx09.us.to.verio.net...
> >>> Thanks John.
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> >>> news:%230cWQatvEHA.2016@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...
> >>>> Jeff I have xp home and professional on my machine so i will take
> >>>> alook at home edition and see what version is on there and whether
> >>>> it can be updated. i'll get back to you.
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> >>>> "Jeff" <jeff@falsepart.com> wrote in message
> >>>> news:R5Rgd.7752$Ae.2452@newsread1.dllstx09.us.to.verio.net...
> >>>>> I went there and have icons for .net framework 1.0 wizard, not 1.1
> >>>>> which
> >>>>> is
> >>>>> what FreshUI wants.
> >>>>>
> >>>>> I am getting to think from what I saw on the web that 1.1 is only
> >>>>> for XP
> >>>>> Pro, not XP Home which is what I have. But I am not sure.
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> >>>>> John Barnett MVP wrote:
> >>>>>> Jeff if it offers the service pack update you should already have
> >>>>>> .net framework on your machine.
> >>>>>> Go to Control Panel and click the Administrative Tools icon. See
> >>>>>> if you have icons for .net framework 1.1 wizard and
> >>>>>> configuration. If not you should be able to download .net
> >>>>>> framework from the microsoft download site.
> >>>>>>
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> >>>>>> "Jeff" <jeff@falsepart.com> wrote in message
> >>>>>>> news:%FNgd.7747$Ae.5385@newsread1.dllstx09.us.to.verio.net...
> >>>>>>> Thanks John
> >>>>>>>
> >>>>>>> I discovered and downloaded CleanCache and installed it.
> >>>>>>> However it would not run on my XP Home PC because it needs
> >>>>>>> Microsoft.NET Framework 1.1 to run. My XP Home "Windows Update
> >>>>>>> does not provide this as an available update. The only thing
> >>>>>>> offered for my "Home" XP is Microsoft .NET Framework
> >>>>>>> 1.0 Service Pack 3 and that is apparently not adequate for
> >>>>>>> CleanCache to work.
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> >>>>>>> I will look for FreshUI . I happen to own Acronis Privacy suite
> >>>>>>> but I do not think it can delete the index.dat files because
> >>>>>>> they are locked as you say and it does not seem to have a cache
> >>>>>>> cleaner that I can find.
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> >>>>>> John Barnett MVP wrote:
> >>>>>> Jeff the easiest way to delete .dat files is the freeware
> >>>>>> application Cleancache. Just mark, on the relevant tabs, what
> >>>>>> .dat files are to be deleted and press the 'run complete
> >>>>>> cleanup' button. Obviously Index.dat files cannot be deleted
> >>>>>> from within windows so once you have used cleancache you simply
> >>>>>> restart your pc and the index dat files will be cleared and a
> >>>>>> new empty file created. there are also other applications that
> >>>>>> will do the same FreshUI is one that comes to mind.
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> >>>>>> "Jeff" <jeff@falsepart.com> wrote in message
> >>>>>> news:qLMgd.7742$Ae.700@newsread1.dllstx09.us.to.verio.net...
> >>>>>> Windows DOES keep files that track all your visited URLs,
> >>>>>> cookies, internet
> >>>>>> temp files, etc. in index.dat files and they are almost
> >>>>>> impossible to delete
> >>>>>> because Windows marks them as locked in use.
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> The easiest way to delete them seems to be as follows:
> >>>>>> 1. create a new user account with administrative powers.
> >>>>>> (Password IT!!)
> >>>>>> 2. Search for all your index files and write down their
> >>>>>> locations
> >>>>>> 3. log out of your present user account and login as the new
> >>>>>> user you just created.
> >>>>>> 4. Go to the index.dat files you marked and delete them
> >>>>>> 5. log out of the new account and back into your normal
> >>>>>> account.
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> The usual locations of the dangerous index.dat files are the
> >>>>>> following:
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> \Documents and Settings\<>Username>\Cookies\index.dat
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> \Documents and Settings\<>Username>\Local
> >>>>>> Settings\History\History.IE5\index.dat
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> \Documents and Settings\<>Username>\Local
> >>>>>> Settings\History\History.IE5
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> \MSHist012001123120020101\index.dat
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> \Documents and Settings\<>Username>\Local
> >>>>>> Settings\History\History.IE5\MSHist012002010720020114\index.dat
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> \Documents and Settings\<>Username>\Local Internet
> >>>>>> Files\Content.IE5\index.dat
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> >>>>>>> "crissssss....." <cris@newsgroupinfo.wanadoo.co.uk> wrote
> >>>>>>> in message news:cm0182$P7$1@news7.svr.pol.co.uk...
> >>>>>>> I have no idea what files. I really was only asking this:
> >>>>>>> If it's true that any computer keeps records of past web
> >>>>>>> searches (or anything else) that are NOT cleared out by using
> >>>>>>> the usual Internet Options, then surely these files must grow
> >>>>>>> and grow until they slow a computer down. Or is this the idea
> >>>>>>> so Microsoft can then sell you another computer? Thanks Chris
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