

## Re: Microsoft secret folders?

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Looks like you are safe then Jeff. I was a little concerned because your original post stated dlhost (with one 'l') Hence the reason for me checking the symantec site.

"Jeff" <jeff@falsepart.com> wrote in message

news:WFVhd.7899\$Ae.409@newsread1.dllstx09.us.to.verio.net...

> *Hi John*

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> *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".*

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> *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.*

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> *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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> *Jeff Williams*

> *Email address deliberately false to avoid spam*

> *jeff@phony.com*

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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.*

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>> *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*

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>> 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  
> i  
>> 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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>> John Barnett MVP  
>> 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.  
>> >  
>> > Thank you again. You've been a great help.  
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>> > Jeff Williams  
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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.

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>>> 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 .net framework 9(which 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: -)  
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>>> Good Luck!  
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>>> "Jeff" <jeff@falsepart.com> wrote in message  
>>> news:LbZgd.7773\$Ae.3162@newsread1.dllstx09.us.to.verio.net...  
>>>> Thanks John.  
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>>>> "John Barnett MVP" <freelanceit@mvps.org.NOSPAM> wrote in message  
>>>> news:%23OcWQatvEHA.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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>>>>> John Barnett MVP  
>>>>> Associate Expert  
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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.  
>>>>>>

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>> >>>>> *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.  
>> >>>>>>  
>> >>>>>>  
>> >>>>>> "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.  
>> >>>>>>>  
>> >>>>>>> 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*

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>> >>>>>>> *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.*  
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>> >>>>>>> *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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