

Re: Windows XP using 100% CPU without any applications running

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Hi,

thanks for all the links, i have downloaded some that i had not used before and I will try them.

I had tried Hijackthis, Ad-Aware, registry cleaner, etc etc nothing seemed to help. I am starting to think that maybe the profiles are corrupt in windows

so i think I will try the new software i downloaded and then a few other things like a new profile etc etc if all fails i will reinstall windows

thanks for the advice I will let you know the outcome.

regards

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Rock <rock@mail.nospam.net> wrote in message
news:<cuxvwjexEHA.1168@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl>...

> *Ciaran wrote:*

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> > *Hi, I have a problem with XP professional edition.*

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> > *Explorer.exe is using virtually all of the CPU and system is too slow to open any applications.*

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> > *When i kill explorer.exe i can work...however only by starting*

> > *programs or applications with the task manager, as soon as I start*

> > *explorer.exe again the CPU usage goes up to 100%...*

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> > *windows just is not the same without explorer :-(any ideas.*

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> > *info:*

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> > *Windows XP professional SP1*
> > *NAV Corporate edition*
> > *1GB DDR ram (266)*
> > *AMD athlon 1600 (running at 1400)*
> > *IBM 40HHD 7200 rpm*
> > *2nd HDD Maxtor 120gb 7200RPM (files only)*
> > *PCI graphics 32mb SIS*
> >
> > *Tried the windows classic view and has no effect. (folders views etc)*
> > *disabled virtually everything in the startup*
> > *scanned for any spyware, adware or any virus and cleaned up registry.*
> >
> > *tried increasing paging file – no difference*
> >
> > *only thing that has changed on pc is that I moved house and am waiting*
> > *for ADSL connection in the new house...so have been unable to update*
> > *windows recently or NAV.*
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> > *please forward any suggestions.*
> >
> > *Thanks in advance*
> > *Ciaran*
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> *You could have malware on your system. Run these programs to check for*
> *spyware/malware. After installing update them, then boot into safe mode*
> *and run them. You should update and run them weekly.*
>
> *Cwshredder*
> <http://aumha.org/freeware/freeware.php#cwshred>
>
> *Ad-aware SE*
> <http://www.lavasoftusa.com>
>
> *Spybot Search and Destroy*
> <http://www.safer-networking.org>
>
> *Bazooka Adware and Spyware Scanner*
> <http://download.com.com/3000-2144-10247783.html>
>
> *Pest Patrol Free Pest Scanner*
> <http://www.pestscan.com/ScanOrTrial.asp>
>
> *If you're still having problems after running these then run HijackThis*
> *and post the log to one of the specialty forums, _NOT_ this one.*
>
> *HijackThis*
> <http://www.majorgeeks.com/download.php?det=3155>
>
> *Forums to Interpret HijackThis Logs:*
>
> <http://www.spywareinfo.com/forums/>

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- > <http://forum.aumha.org/viewforum.php?f=30>
- > <http://forums.tomcoyote.org/>
- > <http://www.wilderssecurity.com/>
- >
- > *After your system is clean use these programs to help keep it clean:*
- >
- > *Spywareblaster*
- > www.javacoolsoftware.com/sbdownload.html
- >
- > *Spywareguard*
- > <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/sgdownload.html>
- >
- > *IE-SPYAD*
- > <http://www.staff.uiuc.edu/~ehowes/resource.htm>
- >
- > *For viruses, start with Trend Micro's Sysclean. Download it and the*
- > *signature file. Turn off system restore, boot into safe mode and run*
- > *sysclean. Boot back into normal mode and run a full AV scan with your*
- > *normal AV program. Then turn system restore back on.*
- >
- > *Trend Micro Sysclean*
- > <http://www.trendmicro.com/download/dcs.asp>
- >
- > *Trend Micro Signature File*
- > <http://www.trendmicro.com/download/pattern.asp>
- >
- > *You should also regularly run at least two of these online scans in*
- > *addition to your regular up to date AV program:*
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- > *Online and Downloadable Virus Scanning:*
- >
- > *Panda ActiveScan*
- > http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/com/activescan_principal.htm
- >
- > *Bit Defender Online Virus Scan:*
- > <http://www.bitdefender.com/scan/license.php>
- >
- > *Symantec Online Virus and Security Scan:*
- > <http://security.symantec.com/ssc/home.asp>
- >
- > *TrendMicro:*
- > http://housecall.trendmicro.com/housecall/start_corp.asp
- >
- > *McAfee Online Virus Scan:*
- > <http://www.mcafee.com/myapps/mfs/default.asp>
- >
- > *RAV AntiVirus – Scan Online*
- > <http://www.ravantivirus.com/scan/>
- >
- > *F-Secure:*
- > <http://support.f-secure.com/enu/home/ols.shtml>

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- > *McAfee AVert Stinger Virus Removal Tool*
- > *<http://vil.nai.com/vil/stinger/>*
- >
- > *[Note: Stinger looks only for a limited number of specific viruses.*
- > *It's not intended for full strength virus scanning and removal, but it*
- > *can help eliminate enough threats to allow you to install and scan with*
- > *a full featured AV program.]*
- >
- > *Make sure you have a firewall active at all times. If nothing else use*
- > *the one built into XP, but there are a variety of free third party ones*
- > *that do a better job from Sygate, Zone Alarm or Kerio.*