

Re: Taskbar disappearing and reappearing

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Wow! That's some list. Thanks so much. I'll try them out at get back to you.

Harry

"Malke" <malke@nospoonnotreally.com> wrote in message
news:%235xdD1%239EHA.2180@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> harry.wj wrote:

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>> Thanks:-)

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>> *My temps are fine, mid 30s for both CPU and case. My GPU is brand new
>> and runs like a dream, so is cool enough. Sorry, I don't know what a
>> distributed computing program is, so that's probably not the problem.*

>> *I do like to multi-task, but I try to keep as few programs running in
>> the background as possible; AVG antivirus, Webroot Spysweeper,
>> ZoneAlarm, and I usually have either a P2P or Firefox running.*

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>> *After reading the HP web pages, I set my System Restore memory usage
>> to 1% instead of the max and that helped a little. No programmes seem
>> to be hogging more memory than they should.*

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>> *Why would the taskbar disappear and the quicklaunch icons rearrange
>> themselves into what looks like alphabetical order though? Can I set
>> the icons to stay in my custom order?*

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> *I have no idea. Check out MVP Kelly Theriot's website for Taskbar repair
> and icon stuff:*

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> <http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/xp.htm>

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> *Make sure you have the latest drivers for your graphics card. You said
> you scan for spyware and viruses "often". It couldn't hurt to run
> through these malware/maintenance steps. Do everything with updated
> tools in Safe Mode:*

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> *1) Scan in Safe Mode with current version (not earlier than 2003)
> antivirus using updated definitions.*

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- > 2) *Remove spyware with Spybot Search & Destroy and Ad-aware. These*
- > *programs are free, so use them both since they complement each other.*
- > *There is a new version of CWShredder from Intermute. I would not*
- > *install the other Intermute programs, however. Alternately, there are*
- > *CoolWebSearch malware removal steps at SilentRunners.*
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- > *Be sure to update these programs before running, and it is a good idea*
- > *to do virus/spyware scans in Safe Mode. Make sure you are able to see*
- > *all hidden files and extensions (View tab in Folder Options).*
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- > *HijackThis is an excellent tool to discover and disable hijackers, but*
- > *it requires expert skill. See below for HijackThis links. A combination*
- > *of HijackThis and About:Buster works well in removing the About:Blank*
- > *homepage hijacker. Again, this is an expert tool and novices should get*
- > *help with it.*
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- > 3) *If you are running Windows ME or XP, you should disable/enable System*
- > *Restore because malware will be in the Restore Points. With ME, you*
- > *must disable System Restore completely. With XP, you can delete all but*
- > *the most recent (presumably clean) System Restore point from the More*
- > *Options section of Disk Cleanup (Run>cleanmgr).*
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- > *Links to help with malware:*
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- > *Software/Methods:*
- > <http://www.safer-networking.org> – Spybot Search & Destroy
- > <http://www.lavasoftusa.com> – Ad-aware
- > <http://www.majorgeeks.com> – good download site
- > http://www.intermute.com/spysubtract/cwshredder_download.html
- > http://www.silentrunners.org/sr_cwsremoval.html. – SilentRunners
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- > *HijackThis:*
- > <http://www.aumha.org/a/hjtutor.htm> – HijackThis tutorial by Jim
- > *Eshelman*
- > <http://spywarewarrior.com/viewforum.php?f=5> – Spyware Warrior HijackThis
- > *forum*
- > <http://www.wilderssecurity.com/>
- > <http://forums.tomcoyote.org/>
- > <http://www.spywareinfo.com/forums/>
- >
- > *General:*
- > <http://forum.aumha.org/> – look under "Security" for various forums
- > <http://rgharper.mvps.org/cleanit.htm>
- > <http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/unwanted.htm>
- > <http://www.aumha.org/a/parasite.htm> – The Parasite Fight
- > http://www.spywarewarrior.com/rogue_anti-spyware.htm
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- > *Then move on to general maintenance:*
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- > 1) *Delete temporary and Temporary Internet Files.*

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- > 2) *Stop unnecessary services/programs from starting with Windows – see*
- > *www.blackviper.com for services info and*
- > *www.pacs-portal.co.uk/startup_index.htm for programs info.*
- > 3) *Look in Event Viewer for clues.*
- > 4) *Make sure you've visited Windows Update and applied all security*
- > *patches. Do not install driver updates from Windows Update.*
- > 5) *Run a firewall.*
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- > *Malke*
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- > *MS MVP – Windows Shell/User*
- > *Elephant Boy Computers*
- > *www.elephantboycomputers.com*
- > *"Don't Panic!"*