

## Re: ssk.exe surfsidekick

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From: "HarryHydro" <[harryhydro@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:harryhydro@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)>

| Hi Folks:  
| I'm working on a laptop. It 'had' LOADS of virii, adware,  
| spyware, you name it, it had it. Using MS Antispy, Trendmicro, Spybot  
| I think he installed, Ive seem to gotten down to one program, SSK.EXE.  
| I can't start in SAFEMODE because the password doesn't work. SAFEMODE  
| with NETWORKING logs in, but SSK.EXE is running already by this time.  
| I don't see it in the Task Manager, and almost everything else in Task  
| Manager can't be stopped. There isn't alot of stuff.. One is  
| KEEPSAFE that looks suspicious.  
| If logged in, even via Safemode/Networking, and Network Jack  
| plugged in (on the net), it eventually loads more adware junk. I've  
| used MSCONFIG to disable everything in Startup and Services, SSK still  
| runs. It keeps coming back in the registry. I'm assuming it's changing  
| the registry back on shutdown. MSAntiSpy keeps finding it, but it  
| can't delete it. I can see it trying, 3 times ort so, but no go. I  
| can't stand this bastard virus/adware! Sucks! Glad it's not my  
| machine.  
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| He said he uses the internal WiFi to browse at home, and watched  
| it load all kinds of stuff he couldn't keep up with.  
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| I'm assuming something with Networking is loading this. I tried  
| installing IE6 from the MS site. Doesn't work. Gives excuses..  
| any help appreciated. You guys are great!  
| Take Care!  
| Harry

Sorry Harry, you did not have load of 'virii' or 'viri' as there is no such terminolgy.  
You may have had a load of viruses since the plural of virus is viruses.  
<http://spl.haxial.net/viruses.html>  
<http://homepages.tesco.net/~J.deBoynePollard/FGA/plural-of-virus.html>

Please note there are anti virus and anti spyware News Groups specifically for this type of discussion.

alt.privacy.spyware

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microsoft.public.security.virus  
alt.comp.virus  
alt.comp.anti-virus

It is HIGHLY suggested that you get the administrator password so you can logon in Safe Mode and run suggested scans in Safe Mode for greater removal efficacy.

You stated you used; Trendmicro and Spybot. You need to state what version of software were used. For example, was that SpyBot Search and Destru v1.4 ? Was that Trend PC Cillin, the online scanner or Sysclean ?

SSK.EXE is associated with a few programs but notiby SurfSideKick Adware  
Here are directions for its removal...

<http://labs.paretologic.com/spyware.aspx?remove=SurfSideKick>

I also suggest the downloading, installing and updating Ad-aware SE v1.06

<http://www.lavasoft.de/>

<http://www.lavasoftusa.com/>

The following is for making sure you are indeed virus free. The following Multi AV scanning tool provides scanners for Trend Micro (ysclean), Sophos and McAfee. I strongly suggest running all three modules.

Download MULTI\_AV.EXE from the URL --

[http://www.ik-cs.com/programs/virttools/Multi\\_AV.exe](http://www.ik-cs.com/programs/virttools/Multi_AV.exe)

It is a self-extracting ZIP file that contains the Kixtart Script Interpreter { <http://kixtart.org> Kixtart is CareWare } three batch files, five Kixtart scripts, one Link (.LNK) file, a PDF instruction file and two utilities; UNZIP.EXE and WGET.EXE. It will simplify the process of using; Sophos, Trend and McAfee Anti Virus Command Line Scanners to remove viruses, Trojans and various other malware.

C:\AV-CLS\StartMenu.BAT -- { or Double-click on 'Start Menu' in C:\AV-CLS }

This will bring up the initial menu of choices and should be executed in Normal Mode. This way all the components can be downloaded from each AV vendor's web site.

The choices are; Sophos, Trend, McAfee, Exit the menu and Reboot the PC.

You can choose to go to each menu item and just download the needed files or you can download the files and perform a scan in Normal Mode. Once you have downloaded the files needed for each scanner you want to use, you should reboot the PC into Safe Mode [F8 key during boot] and re-run the menu again and choose which scanner you want to run in Safe Mode. It is suggested to run the scanners in both Safe Mode and Normal Mode.

When the menu is displayed hitting 'H' or 'h' will bring up a more comprehensive PDF help file.

To use this utility, perform the following...

Execute; Multi\_AV.exe { Note: You must use the default folder C:\AV-CLS }

Choose; Unzip

Choose; Close

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NOTE: You may have to disable your software FireWall or allow WGET.EXE to go through your FireWall to allow it to download the needed AV vendor related files.

\* \* \* Please report back your results \* \* \*

In addition...

Please do NOT follow the directions of PCBUTTS1. He has been told numerous times NOT to request posting HiJack This (HJT) logs in the MS News Groups. Microsoft personnel and MS MVPs have stated emphatically that this should not be done so please don't follow his directions.

I also want to note that while the tools he suggested are good anti spyware tools, they should be obtained from the vendors or the vendor's selected web hosting site.

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Dave

<http://www.claymania.com/removal-trojan-adware.html>

<http://www.ik-cs.com/got-a-virus.htm>

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• **References:**

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