

Re: SETIATHOME and BOINC

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Pierre Levesque, AIA has brought this to us :

Thanks Jim, that's the first decent suggestion I've heard (didn't know there was such bickering going on in here)...

However, I have tried what you suggested and I had only 4 non- MSServices running being:

Office Source Engine – unknown manufacturer
Webroot SpySweeper Engine – Webroot – this is a trusted service
Winfax Pro – Symantec – this is a trusted service
WMP54GSSVC – LinkSys – this is my wireless card

All others were MSServices and I re-booted to find that the directory still installed itself?

Obviously this is related to a windows startup issue --- where would I look for references to that prior to windows starting up?

"Jim Henley" <NotAvailable@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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Pierre Levesque, AIA brought next idea :

Why is it that everytime I startup my computer the directory
../windows/system32/projects/setiathome.berkeley.edu
gets created?

I know about SETI and BOINC and never installed it on my
machine
voluntarily
so I must assume that it is malware.

Problem is I have run SpySweeper, AdAware, various
VirusScanners,
researched
the app in Google for removal instructions, removed all
instances of
SETIATHOME and BOINC in theregistries, deleted the

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directories and files
related to it...

I've tried everything yet everytime I re-start my system
there's the damn
directory even though there is no shown evidence of any
programs,
directories, files related to either BOINC or SETIATHOME
anywhere on my
system.

My Windows Explorer is set to show hidden files...

I've searched the Microsoft KB and found nothing...

I've searched the SETI website and found nothing...

Anyone know of this occurrence, what can be done?

Sincerely,

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You could try going to the old "Run/MSConfig" and disable all services
except MS Services and disable all Startup Items. Restart and see if your
problem still exists. If it doesn't then go back to MSConfig and re-enable
items until the program fails again. Then only remove that item. Works
for me!

In the same MSConfig utility there is a tab for "Startup". When you click that you will see a check list of all
the things that start when you first boot up. You can safely "Disable All". It doesn't delete anything is just
prevents all those things from starting. After you click Ok it will require a re-start and when it comes back up
you can check the box that says something like "don't open msconfig every time". You will probably have to
delete those problem files/folders at least once and do a couple re-starts to make sure they aren't coming back.
If windows really needs something to start, it will put it back in your startup group. Again, when you are
satisfied you can always re-run msconfig and add the individual items back (like your virus scanner, and
other essential items.)

Go for it!

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