

# Re: SETIATHOME and BOINC

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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 staring up?

"Jim Henley" <[NotAvailable@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:NotAvailable@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message [news:mn.25087d6272856467.46235@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:mn.25087d6272856467.46235@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)

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 directories and files  
related to it...

I've tried everything yet everytime I re-start my system there's the damn

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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!