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yep, try this link

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/sysinternals/utilities/RootkitRevealer.msp>

DARhind@xxxxxxxx wrote:

On Oct 14, 12:32 pm, DARh...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

On Oct 14, 11:27 am, Thee Chicago Wolf <.@.> wrote:

I recently had a hard drive failure, just broke, so re-installed everything on a new 120Gig drive. I am using XP Home SP2 and all updates, 1.8GHz CPU, 1Gb RAM. All was well for a week or so, then programs would freeze, Task Manager showed 2 copies of the program, both marked as "Not responding." Trying to end the task did nothing, and if I tried it 3 or 4 times Task Manager would be listed as "Not responding." At that point the only way out was the power switch. Since I had made an image of C & D (my program are on D) right after the re-build I restored everything. That worked for a couple of days, then I noticed that the start-up time was inordinately slow, 3 or 4 minutes, and I have the leanest start up

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folder imaginable. If I try to use the machine shortly after the Desktop appeared I'd have to wait maybe a further 2 or 3 minutes before the program would fire up.

Today programs are running oh so slow, each letter I type takes a second or so to appear on the screen. Watching the CPU usage graph in Task Manager it is at 100% at frequent intervals and continuously for a minute or more from time to time. Yet the Processes window doesn't show any process with an excessive CPU usage,

Just a final note on this saga...

The machine slowed down steadily during the day. I tried Process Explorer, it showed more detail than Task Manager, but although there were frequent excursions to 100% CPU usage at no time did the System Idle drop to zero.

Things came to a head when I tried to start Eudora to send an e-mail I'd been working on for days. The text was written in Word, and I had intended to copy and paste it into Eudora. Well when Eudora started the screen went white, blank, except for the name at the top. Since I couldn't do anything, or see Process Explorer I made a cup of coffee. A good 10 minutes later Eudora started up. Now I went to Word to copy the text. There was no text! File > Recent was blank, File > Open was blank. Nothing in My Documents, not a single file. I did a search for the file by name, blank. By a word in the text, blank. Using a file recovery program, blank. I wasn't too worried about the contents of My Documents, I have back-ups, but that file I saved only an hour or so before this happened is gone...all 8 pages of it!

I tried the MS malicious software tool, Grisoft AVG anti-virus, Ad Aware, SpybotSD. No problem found.

I didn't bother to restore an image, went back to the restore CDs. Have been wading through re-installing and updating everything. Just one niggling concern...is it possible for some threat to remain hidden in the root of a drive?

David

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