

Re: TOO MUCH CPU! VIRUS??? MALWARE???

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So, you think it's a spyware issue?

The only real change is that when I play a video or play a music file, the CPU usage goes to 100%, and it usually stays there.

"Kayman" wrote:

On Mon, 8 Sep 2008 23:00:01 -0700, Pikey wrote:

Hi,

I always found good help—and stern advice, so I thought I would bring this by you guys and see what happens.

Now, I'm trying to figure out what happened exactly—if I installed something or what, but it seems whenever I play a video file or a music file, it requires a lot of CPU usage. It always goes to 100%—and it kind of stays at 100%. Everytime. So when I'm watching a video, the video kinds of plays slowly, or it doesn't stream well. Hell, I can't even watch youtube, but it will load fine enough, but won't play clearly as it always has.

I turned off the computer for a night and when I turned it back on—I ran AdAware, SpyBlaster and my usual virus protection program. A few things turned up, but minuscule and the problem remains. I also ran my CCleaner. I haven't run Spybot yet, but I did a Yahoo Anti-Spy.

SuperAntispyware-Free is a much better alternative to SpyBlaster and YA-S.
<http://www.superantispyware.com/superantispywarefreevspro.html>

It seems to play things fine at first, but then the CPU kicks in.
It seems—according to my Task Manager that, the program that playing the music or video file starts eating up all the ram and then it shares it with

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the System in using all the ram.

Process Explorer a more comprehensive utility, check it out...

<http://technet.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/bb896653.aspx>

Is there anything I can do to fix this problem? Yes, I will run Spybot Anti-spy software later today, but I'm sure it won't buy me anything.

You could try to...

Download/execute:

David H. Lipman's MULTI_AV Tool

http://www.pctipp.ch/ds/28400/28470/Multi_AV.exe

<http://www.pctipp.ch/downloads/dl/35905.asp>

English:

<http://www.raymond.cc/blog/archives/2008/01/09/scan-your-computer-with-multiple-anti-virus-for-free/>

Additional Instructions:

http://pcdid.com/Multi_AV.htm

--and/or--

Kaspersky's AVPTool

<http://downloads5.kaspersky-labs.com/devbuilds/AVPTool/>

<http://ftp.kaspersky.com/devbuilds/AVPTool/>

There's no updating involved since the scanning engine is updated several times a day and you simply download the updated scanner whenever you want to do a scan.

--and/or--

Dr.Web CureIt!® Utility – FREE

<http://www.freedrweb.com/cureit/>

--and/or--

Malwarebytes© Corporation – Anti-Malware

<http://www.malwarebytes.org/mbam/program/mbam-setup.exe>

Then download and execute HiJack This! (HJT)

http://www.trendsecure.com/portal/en-US/tools/security_tools/hijackthis/download

Please, do not post HJT logs to this newsgroup.

Fora where you can get expert advice for HiJack This! (HJT) logs.

NOTE: Registration is required in any of the below fora before posting a HJT log and read the 'stickies' (instructions/guidelines) for the respective HJT forum.

<http://www.theelderageek.com/forum/index.php?s=2e9ea4e19d3289dd877ab75a8220bff6&showforum=29>

http://forums.whatthetech.com/HijackThis_Logs_and_Infections_Removal_f27.html

<http://www.5starsupport.com/ipboard/index.php?showforum=18>

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/forum22.html>

<http://www.spywarewarrior.com/viewforum.php?f=5>

<http://www.thespykiller.co.uk/index.php?board=3.0>

<http://castlecops.com/forum67.html>

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Good luck :)