

svchost.exe

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>-----Original Message-----

>My computer is running at 100% CPU Usage. I have cleaned my machine of viruses and have ad aware and have used that to clean as well. Still my computer is running at 100% Usage....Under processes in Task manager one of the SVCHOST.EXE had a value of 99 Under the CPU column...I imagine that is why my machine is running slowly...if so, how could I go about fixing this and if not...what could the problem be..and how could I fix it?

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>thanks, corey

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>Explore the "windows system32" folder for svchost.exe if found you missed a virus. svchost.exe is in the windows folder this is normal.

Service Host – Generic Host Process for Win32 Services. Windows 2000/XP/2003 only. SVCHOST is a generic process which acts as a host for processes that run from DLLs rather than EXEs. At startup SVCHOST checks the Services portion of the Registry to construct a list of DLL-based services that it needs to load, and then loads them.

There can be many instances of SVCHOST running, as there will be one instance of SVCHOST for every DLL-based service or grouping of services (the grouping of services is determined by the programmers who wrote the services in question). Under Windows XP Professional and Windows 2003 you can find out what DLL-based services SVCHOST is running by typing Tasklist /SVC at a Command/MS-DOS Prompt (this command is not available in Windows XP Home), while under Windows 2000 you need to use the TLIST -s command from a Command Prompt (MS-DOS Prompt).

Recommendation :

An integral part of the operating system, leave alone – multiple instances of SVCHOST is a normal occurrence. If

you experience SVCHOST errors, the problem is most likely not with SVCHOST but with the DLLs it is hosting.

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(???) Many viruses masquerade themselves as SVCHOST to escape detection. Some have names that are similar, such as SCCHOST, while others actually drop a program file called SVCHOST in the Windows or Windows System directory.

Recommendation :

The first recommendation is a simple one : always have a good antivirus product which is regularly updated (automatically preferably) and always renew your updates subscription when it expires. To detect if you have a virus that calls itself SVCHOST, first see if it shows up in The Ultimate Troubleshooter – if it does, then it is almost certain you have a virus. Secondly, if you have Windows 95/98/ME rather than WinNT4/2000/XP, then it is almost certain you have a virus. Thirdly, go to "Control Panel \ Administrative Tools \ Services" and look for any of the following services – if you find any of them, then you probably have a virus :