

Re: svchost.exe

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http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help_and_support/2005-01/7382.html

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svchost.exe "hosts" services and loads what the registry tells it to. Spyware and dialers create registry entries that svchost loads as windows boots and so if these spyware programs are active, svchost can show high cpu utilization.

After running your virus and antispymware programs and you still have high utilization install HijackThis and have the program "scan and save a log file" and post that log to one of the help forums listed on Tomcoyote (see link below.) You can also examine the log yourself and copy into google the name of any suspicious processes and get information on it i.e., "services.exe" (if this file is anywhere but in c:\windows\system32 it's a problem.)

Some great free tools. If you don't have spybot, cwshredder, spywareguard and HijackThis you should download and install.

Trend Micro House Call

<http://housecall.trendmicro.com/>

Spybot Search & Destroy

<http://www.safer-networking.org/en/download/index.html>

Ad-Aware

<http://www.lavasoftusa.com/software/adaware/>

CWSHredder

http://www.intermute.com/spysubtract/cwshredder_download.html

McAfee Stinger

<http://vil.nai.com/vil/stinger/>

HijackThis

<http://www.tomcoyote.org/hjt/>

SpywareGuard

<http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/spywareguard.html>

"bogie71" <bogie71@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
news:BB73244D-088F-4B34-8B09-77C7B1C68929@microsoft.com...
>I have looked at all the messages in this section dealing with svchost.exe
> causing high system utilization, but I don't see a single response that
> explains what to do to reduce it. I wiped my entire system and rebuilt
> it.
> I've installed McAfee anti-virus and scanned for problems to no avail.
> The
> only software I've installed is Office Standard. I haven't yet installed
> anti-spyware software, but that's next. Since this is affecting so many
> people