

# Re: Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold

---

*Source:*

[http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help\\_and\\_support/2005-05/msg06033.htm](http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help_and_support/2005-05/msg06033.htm)

---

- *From:* Terry Smythe <[smythe@xxxxxxx](mailto:smythe@xxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Wed, 25 May 2005 19:49:59 GMT
- 

I have now verified that my desktop has been hijacked by "desktop.html" It resides in c:\windows I've tried deleting it and editing it, but can't get rid of it. Keeps coming back from somewhere, no matter what I do.

It has imbedded within it a command to visit the Antivirus Gold web site. It appears to be extremely malicious marketing, planting 3 virus that only it can remove, and itself. Its message is, 'if you want to remove these virus, then buy me'

A search for this file on my computer reveals only 1 copy. If I delete it, it is replaced upon reboot. If I edit it, it is replaced upon reboot.

A 'net search suggests an incredibly convoluted procedure for getting rid of it. Surely there must be an easier way.

Along with SpyBot, AdAware, Microsoft's new parasite detector/remover fails to see it. They see all kinds of things, but won't touch this one. Registry First Aid finds only a single entry, deletes it, and upon reboot, it's back again. It's not in Startup.

I'm hopeful of finding some kind of specific utility to remove this ugly parasite.

Regards,

Terry Smythe

- 
- *Follow-Ups:*
    - ◆ ***Re: Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold***

Re: Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold

◇ *From:* Kerry Brown

◆ ***Re: Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold***

◇ *From:* Locke

• **References:**

◆ ***Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold***

◇ *From:* Terry Smythe

◆ ***Re: Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold***

◇ *From:* Locke

- Prev by Date: ***Having some serious difficulties***
- Next by Date: ***Re: Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold***
- Previous by thread: ***Re: Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold***
- Next by thread: ***Re: Hijacked by AntiVirus Gold***
- Index(es):
  - ◆ ***Date***
  - ◆ ***Thread***