

## Re: Generic Host Process error

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sounds like a "reasonable" description of the problem....but what is your SOLUTION??

"idgat" wrote:

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- > murphylaws Wrote:
- >> I got possible solutions to this weird error... I did the following and
- >> I am not getting the message anymore.. <snip> inactivated automatic
- >> updates <snip>
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- > As far as I can ascertain, *\*THIS\** is the solution.
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- > You will note that in all the instances above (I think?), they have
- > related to notebook/laptop computers – probably that are not
- > permanently connected to an internet connection (like a desktop PC is)
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- > The error message relates to the native Windows file/program svhost.exe
- > – a version of svhost is running on a computer for each and every
- > program that requires an internet connection (do a Ctrl+Alt+Del and see
- > how many instances of svhost are running!!).
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- > And these occasions of svhost include instances where an automatic
- > update *\*MIGHT\** be required – WindowsXP, antivirus, firewall, printer
- > software, any other software – a version of svhost just sits there,
- > waiting for whatever program it represents to to try and connect to the
- > internet, in case it needs an update – a deplorable drain on resources
- > (CPU, memory)
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- > I have NEVER EVER been an advocate of auto updates – of any sort, for
- > any program!! It's a bit like filling your car with petrol – the
- > owner/user has to accept a certain amount of responsible for
- > maintenance. In addition, I'd much rather run a manual update so that
- > *\*I\** – *\*ME\** – can verify which programs I want to install on my
- > computer, and not let the whim of a software distributor decide
- > arbitrarily through some unseen automatic process.
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- > And therein lies the problem – while you were last using your laptop,

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> somewhere in your computer, one or more of the programs was using the  
> internet connection to download an update, or was just in the middle of  
> an update check – you turned your computer off (shutdown), and a version  
> of svhost was left unfinished. Now, with the wonderful memory XP has  
> for remembering what you were doing last, next time you start up, it  
> tries to resume/continue that last process but Hey!!, there's no  
> internet connection yet (when you first turn your computer on), and so  
> svhost spits the dummy and throws up the error message.

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