

Re: .lnk Disabled

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Bob,

I do not think that Microsoft Office.lnk.disabled has anything to do with Microsoft or Office. I think that it is from some sort of malware. Malware a**holes use legitimate sounding names to disguise their crap.

However, Osa.exe or Osa9.exe could be the legitimate files that Microsoft Office.lnk refers to.

What Is the Osa.exe File?

The Office Startup Assistant (Osa.exe or OSA) is a program that improves the performance of Office XP programs. Office Setup places a shortcut to the Osa.exe file in the Windows Startup folder; the file is named "Microsoft Office".

What Is the OSA9.exe File?

The Office Startup Assistant (OSA9.exe or OSA9) is a program that improves the performance of Office 2000 programs. Office 2000 Setup places a shortcut to the file OSA9.exe in the Windows StartUp folder with a name of Microsoft Office.

I have Word 2002 and have disabled Osa.exe.

C:\Program Files\Microsoft Office\Office10\OSA.EXE

Been so long ago that I do not remember exactly where, probably here...

C:\Documents and Settings\All Users\Start Menu\Programs\Startup
or here

C:\Documents and Settings\Your Name Here\Start Menu\Programs\Startup

Have you used msconfig.exe to disable any startup items?

Start | Run | Type: msconfig | Click OK

Maybe that is what the "disabled" refers to.

Windows Desktop Search can be a legitimate deal.

Windows Desktop Home Page

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/desktopsearch/default.mspx>

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If you really did install Windows Desktop Search...

windowssearch.exe is a process associated with Windows Desktop Search Tray from Microsoft. It is used by the MSN Search Toolbar.

C:\Program Files\MSN Toolbar Suite\DS\02.05.0001.1119\en-us\bin\WindowsSearch.exe

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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In [news:12lukkqj6lci85a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:12lukkqj6lci85a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx),
Bob <roburt@xxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

Wes, in addition to the first message, behind it was: File: Microsoft Office.lnk disabled. I reinstalled MSO and ask it to repair shortcuts, but that didn't help.

This didn't happen until I removed Spybot-Search & Destroy from my computer. It did this once before for the same reason, and someone gave me a file that would fix the problem, but that was a couple of years ago.

It's really annoying for the message to pop up every time I boot up.
thanks for any help

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Normally .lnk files adjust shortcuts to files or folders.

should have read:

Normally .lnk files are just shortcuts to files or folders.

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Hope this helps. Let us know.

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Did you mean Windows Desktop Search.lnk.disabled ??

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Normally .lnk files adjust shortcuts to files or folders.

Windows Desktop Search.lnk.disabled is some sort of malware. You have some crap that you do not want.

UPDATE your antivirus software and run a full system scan.

UPDATE whatever anti-spyware applications that you have and run a full system scan with each one.

You might want to start in Safe Mode to run your antivirus and anti-spyware software.

Running a full system antivirus scan or anti-spyware scan in Safe Mode can be a good idea. Some viruses and other malware like to conceal themselves in areas Windows protects while using them. Safe mode will prevent those applications access and therefore unprotect the viruses or other malware allowing for easier removal.

How to start Windows in Safe Mode Windows XP
<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/index.php?showtutorial=61#winxo>

Windows Desktop Search.lnk.disabled

http://www.google.com/search?as_q=&num=10&hl=en&btnG=Google+Search&as_epq=Windows+Desktop+Search+pe=&as_qdr=all&as_nlo=&as_nhi=&as_occt=any&as_dt=i&as_sitesearch=&as_rights=&safe=images

O4 – Global Startup = Autoloading programs from Registry

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Bob <roburt@xxxxxxxxxx> hunted and pecked:

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I removed/uninstalled a program from my computer. Now when I start up I get the message: File Windows Desktop Search.lnk disabled. Where do I find this file to do a repair or replace this .lnk file?
thanks