

# problems with error messages relating to clicked urls

---

*Source:*

[http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help\\_and\\_support/2007-08/msg02565.htm](http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.help_and_support/2007-08/msg02565.htm)

---

- *From:* Robert M Jones <[robert53newsgroups-ms2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:robert53newsgroups-ms2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Thu, 30 Aug 2007 12:02:48 +0100
- 

Win XP Home SP2, Firefox latest version. NAV 2005, Counterspy 2.5 beta, Mailwasher Pro, Zone Alarm free

I have been trying to deal with error messages when I click urls and internet shortcuts. The error messages are followed by the actual completion of the action that the error message says it can't do – launching of Firefox.

Firefox is my default browser

I get the error message

Windows cannot find `http://.... ' Make sure you have typed the name correctly

when I click on a desktop shortcut to a website.

When I click on a url in an email I get the

Locate Link Browser error message – I have followed the prompts and navigated to Firefox.exe. I now don't get that message, but I get two instances of Firefox opening when I click on an email.

In my Mailwasher program when I click on a url I get error message  
Mailwasher could not point the web browser at the link http://.....

I googled on the "locate link browser" error and applied the solution suggested (in an

XP admin account) using Folder Options – File Types and clearing the DDE check box.

I have done this for the various file types suggested including url – hyper text transfer protocol, also the ftp protocol, and Internet Shortcut. This works but doesn't stick – if I restart or logoff/logon the error messages return.

I have also tried swapping over the default browser, making IE7 default browser, then reverting again to Firefox as default.

I can't get the fixes to "stick except for the one relating to urls in emails.

This has only just started to happen but I am not sure what got changed. Obviously something is confused about default browsers.

problems with error messages relating to clicked urls

Any further advice welcome.

--

Rev Robert M Jones, Wimborne Baptist Church, UK

<http://www.wimborne-baptist.org.uk>

Free trial of Mailwasher Pro – effective email spam filter – (commission goes to our partners in Bulgaria)

<http://fta.firetrust.com/index.cgi?id=420>

.