

Re: PPPoE and WiFi Router problem

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Chuck, thanks. I think it is caused by spyware.

The problem came up randomly, with no logic. It drives me nuts as I need to spend 30min to 1 hour before I can access internet. Luckily, I have other PC so I can do work (but need to fight with my wife and daughter). Now, once I got the PC working fine with internet, I dare not to turn it off and at night, I just hibernate it.

Why I said Spyware? I found a funny icon associated with that "connect" window at the tool bar sometimes. It has an alagator look so I think it is associated with the "Gator Publishing" (is it a spyware to cause pop up windows?)

OK, should I use the Lavasoft's Ad-ware to clean the spyware? However, after I download the ad-ware, there are more pop-ups... I guess the Ad-ware brings them in.

Advise please.....

Kelvin

"Chuck" wrote:

> *On Thu, 19 Aug 2004 18:49:01 -0700, Kelvin <Kelvin@discussions.microsoft.com>*
> *wrote:*
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> *>Hi, my PC runs XP Home and has a PPPoE connection. In the past, it sometimes*
> *>has problem in connecting the PPPoE and I have to power up and down the PC.*
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> *>Recently I installed a Linksys 802.11b router, I connect this XP PC and*
> *>other PCs (running Window 2000). The WiFi router is set up to dial the PPPoE*
> *>connection (with users name and password), so the Win2000 PC can connect to*
> *>the internet right after its power up without any further action.*
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> *>However, on the PC with XP, it is very strange. Sometimes, I can get to the*
> *>internet without having to connect the PPPoE. Sometimes, it prompts me to*
> *>"connect" the PPPoE. Worse, lately, I could not connect the PPPoE and the*

> >dialer keeps dialing. I have to power up and down several times, and if I am
> >lucky, I would get it on again.
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> >My questions:
> >1) Since the WiFi router will dial the PPPoE, why do I need to dial PPPoE
> >from the PC with XP? How could I set it up to no need to dial?
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> >2) Why I would have the syndrome of sometimes it needs dialing, and
> >sometimes it does not need dialing? What causes the "fail to establish
> >connection" problem? Spyware?
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> >Thanks for your advise.
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> >Kelvin
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> >Kelvin,
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> >Each individual program that accesses the internet for any reason has its own
> >behaviour for connecting, disconnecting, or thinking that its disconnected from
> >the internet. Each program may have a setting that lets it automatically
> >connect when you run it.
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> >Internet Explorer, for instance, under Internet Options – Connections, may have
> >dial-up settings (from before the router was in?). If you have a router
> >managing your PPPoE, or other broadband OR dial-up connection, you should set IE
> >to Never dial a connection. Unless you have a backup modem connection in your
> >PC that should kick in if your DSL ever drops out. And there are other issues
> >with that possibility, so just take that as an example.
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> >Just check all your programs, and find the "Never dial a connection" option.
> >And select any such option found. You may have to RTFM for some software –
> >there's no telling where any such setting is found.
> >
> >OTOH, spyware COULD be involved. If that's a concern, let us know and we'll
> >start you on that.
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> >Cheers,
> >Chuck
> >Paranoia comes from experience – and is not necessarily a bad thing.
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