

## Re: Internet Explore Security

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kason wrote:

- > *Hi,*
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- > *Thankyou for the valuable response. Really appreciate it.*
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- > *Ok..Maybe the banking website example doesn't seem to help to*
- > *understand the situation.*
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- > *When I start (click) Internet explorer for the first time it displays*
- > *is in Internet Zone with Yahoo search engine. When I go to*
- > *www.microsoft.com website it displays that I am in the Intranet*
- > *Zone.From that point , the Zone*
- > *indicator would display that I am in a Intranet Zone no matter what*
- > *website I go to.: Once I switch to Intranet Zone it won't switch back*
- > *Internet Zone.*

I'm not sure why this would happen. What is your network setup? Is this a home computer or are you on a school or corporate network?

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- > *1. I am using McAfee Antispyware and Webroot Spysweeper and doing*
- > *thorough scans every day.No new spywares were found lately. I also*
- > *have scanned with Spybot S&D ,Adware and all the antispyware you have*
- > *specified . They didn't find any additional spywares.*
- > *2.Scanned in safe mode as well- no change in results.by the way, I can*
- > *remember some MVP said something like scanning in safe mode is not*
- > *effective since less amount of files would be available in safe mode*
- > *so that It cant be*
- > *considered as a thorough scan. What is your opinion? Since I have*
- > *good antispyware utilities, Do you think spyware is the real problem*
- > *forme?*

I'm not sure where you heard that scanning in Safe Mode was a bad idea, but I doubt that an MVP would say that. Safe Mode loads the operating system with a minimum of drivers and processes. You cannot delete a file that is in use and most malware will not be running in Safe Mode. This is why you usually can't delete trojans and other malware in

Regular Mode – the bad stuff is running. You always want to do troubleshooting virus and malware scans in Safe Mode.

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- > 3. *My System Restore is always off and I am always upto date with*
- > *Windows update.Norton Internet Security is always on.*
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- > 4. *Some default settings in the advanced tab of Internet options are*
- > *disabled. Would they contribute to my problem.*

Did you disable them? What settings?

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- > 5. *I am only worrying because the the default setting level for*
- > *Internet and*
- > *Local Intranet is slightly different but might make big difference*
- > *when it comes to security. IS THIS ACTUALLY CRITICAL PROBLEM?*

Security is generally more lax in the Intranet zone because it is assumed that your intranet (lan or corporate wan) is secure and trusted. I wouldn't run around screaming that the sky is falling, but you should probably look into this. Again, it does matter if you are on a school or corporate network or are using a proxy server, so please describe your setup.

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