

Re: applications are opening in wordpad

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Hi Ted,

Thanks for your reply. Yes, I have been having issues with viruses. I had recently ran avg, and antispyware software to remove viruses. I still get messages indicating I have a virus which I previously had removed. I tried to rectify this by clearing the cache, problem is many of the windows programs/accessories etc are unusable because they won't open in their intended application (they open in wordpad). I have a feeling that many of the pop up windows messages are also trying to open in wordpad, making them unreadable.

I also ran a repair on the registry (after backing it up) which didn't seem to solve the problem. I just downloaded the boot disk program from microsoft so I can run the xp repair and ststart from scratch. However I am worried that I won't be able to create the boot disks because of the wordpad issue. I'm really stumped here...trying hard not to call 'nerds on site'. I really need to fix this as my system is my livelihood :(

"Ted Ziegler" wrote:

> *Do this first: Be 100% sure that your computer does not have a virus or
> spyware. I say "100%" because spyware in particular can be mighty difficult
> to identify. And if you previously tried to remove a virus or spyware by
> hand you may have gotten the part that antivirus or antispyware software
> needs to identify the problem without removing the rest of the infection.*
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> *Ted Ziegler*
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> *"Richie" <Richie @discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message
> news:6CF62616-584B-417E-842A-10604E8AFEE5@microsoft.com...
> > I have an issue with programs (desktop, start menu, control panel etc)
> > insisting on opening in wordpad when I select or double click them. When I
> > select the program or task, a wordpad window opens with a bunch of
> gibberish.
> > At the top reads "this program is unable to open/run in dos). For some
> > reason, everything is set to open in dos.
> > I have tried to rectify the problem by installing the windows repair xp
> > option, but the problem is I can't get that to work because of the above*

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> > *mentioned issue.*

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