

Re: helper.sig folder on bootup

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No one seems to know where it comes from, but here is how I fixed it:

Search the registry for 'helper.sig', you'll probably find two entries that reference that name in folder Common. Export the entries (just in case) then delete the keys.

Here are the entries I exported and deleted: Perhaps someone can shed light on the source:

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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{AFD4AD01-58C1-47DB-A404-FBE00A6C5486}]
@="Browser Helper Object"
"AppID"="{A0E1054B-01EE-4D57-A059-4D99F339709F}"
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{AFD4AD01-58C1-47DB-A404-FBE00A6C5486}\InprocServer32]
@="C:\Program Files\Common\_helper.dll"
"ThreadingModel"="Apartment"
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{AFD4AD01-58C1-47DB-A404-FBE00A6C5486}\ProgID]
@="main.BHO.1"
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{AFD4AD01-58C1-47DB-A404-FBE00A6C5486}\Programmable]
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{AFD4AD01-58C1-47DB-A404-FBE00A6C5486}\TypeLib]
@="{8E3C68CD-F500-4A2A-8CB9-132BB38C3573}"
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[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Classes\CLSID\{AFD4AD01-58C1-47DB-A404-FBE00A6C5486}\VersionIndependentProgID]
@="main.BHO"
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Also delete the Common folder if the "helper" files are probably the only ones there. If there are other items there, your case is not like mine.

Those two steps fixed the problem for me.

Olórin wrote:

"jerm" <jerm@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:D3E35FF3-B7ED-4AE7-9955-FBAB3CBA766D@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

i get the exact same thing. i'm not sure why it does it or how to fix.

"PinzPilot" wrote:

For the past few days, when I boot up my computer, I get a folder called "Common" with the files helper.sig and helper.dll When I run msconfig.exe, startup tab shows these to be associated with Microsoft Office. Nothing I have tried so far has fixed this. No viruses detected, no spyware detected, etc. I have no idea what has caused this to start happening. Can someone please tell me if they are experiencing this same problem and what can be done to fix it? Thanks

Well I just plugged those filenames into Google and got a ton of hits. What research did *you* do?

It looks like you need to scour your system for malware / adware / spyware. What protection from/detection for that do you have in place? One forum poster suggests that these might get into systems via Facebook allowing ads and installing adware.

PS The "shift" key allows capital letters when typing, eg for the beginning of sentences.