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Gonzo White wrote:

- > *My version of Explorer 6 has just got a mind of its own. I try to*
- > *open a page and it goes there and starts to open the page I told it*
- > *to open and it gets it about half way loaded when it all of sudden*
- > *goes to this page*
- >
- > <http://rcm.amazon.com/e/cm?t=glue-20&p=9&o=1&l=ez&f=ifr>
- >
- > *Its just a little ad for Amazon com.*
- >
- > *I hit the back key and it goes back to the page I want to open but it*
- > *then bops right back to the Amazon page. It doesn't do this often,*
- > *just enough to really piss me off. Like once every 30 pages or so.*
- > *But once it latches onto a page, you can not open that page unless*
- > *you reboot. Sometimes when I am playing a game on MSN after about 20*
- > *minutes the game shuts off and it takes me to the damn Amazon page.*
- >
- > *I have contacted Amazon and they say they don't know anything about*
- > *it. Its Microsoft's problem.*

Turn on that firewall..

<http://www.microsoft.com/WindowsXP/home/using/howto/homenet/icf.asp>

(It has been reported that it now works with AOL 9.0+)

Make sure you have all the updates (critical) installed from:

<http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com/>

(Scan for updates, Review and Install)

Get rid of the spy/ad/mal-ware..

(Yes – using MORE than one of these..

I recommend at least the first three. Also..

UPDATE the definitions for them before using.)

Spybot Search and Destroy

<http://www.safer-networking.net/>

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Lavasoft AdAware  
<http://www.lavasoft.de>

CWSShredder  
<http://www.spywareinfo.com/~merijn/downloads.html>

Hijack This!  
<http://mjc1.com/mirror/hjt/>

I also like "The Cleaner" and "SpywareBlaster" and "SpywareGuard".  
– <http://www.moosoft.com/>  
– <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/>

The first is a PAY product, but useable for 30 days – it has found and eliminated problems in the past the others did not. The latter two are prevention mechanisms. I like SpywareGuard for those with enough processor to have something running like antivirus software – and it prevents browser hijacking quite well.

And Assortment of Others:  
<http://www.merijn.org/downloads.html>

After you cleanup your PC somewhat of spy/ad/mal-ware, verify your antivirus software is updated and run a full scan of your computer. If you have no antivirus software – get one NOW! Grisoft AntiVirus:  
[http://www.grisoft.com/us/us\\_dwnl\\_free.php](http://www.grisoft.com/us/us_dwnl_free.php)

Empty your Temporary Internet Files and shrink the size it stores to about 80 to 120MB (seems to be an optimal size for the normal user)

- Open ONE copy of Internet Explorer.
- Select TOOLS -> Internet Options.
- Under the General tab in the "Temporary Internet Files" section, do the following:
  - Click on "Delete Cookies" (click OK)
  - Click on "Settings" and change the "Amount of disk space to use:" to something between 80MB and 120MB. (Betting it is MUCH larger right now.)
  - Click OK.
  - Click on "Delete Files" and select to "Delete all offline contents" (the checkbox) and click OK. (If you had a LOT, this could take 2–10 minutes or more.)
- Once it is done, click OK, close Internet Explorer
- Re-open Internet Explorer.

Uninstall any software you do not use often/ever. (If you have something installed but never use it, uninstall it.) If you go through Control Panel -> Add/Remove Programs and see things you seldom if ever use, it is to your advantage to remove it.

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Also, if you are tired of Web Page Pop-Ups/Unders.. You could try the Google Toolbar.

Stop loading applications at logon.. run MSCONFIG and look under the startup tab for things you DONT want to startup!

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