

## Re: SearchBar / Intelligent Explorer

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<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Windows/microsoft.public.windows.inetexplorer.ie6.browser/2004-05/0793.htm>

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Thank you Shenan for your thorough answer; I was successful in removing the troublesome trojans!

Regards,

Damon

>-----Original Message-----

>Damon wrote:

>> I have been having a lot of trouble getting rid of the  
>> toolbars "SearchBar" and "Intelligent Search". I don't  
>> even know how they got there in the first place.

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>> I have tried the CWShredder but it didn't work. Is  
there

>> anything I can do to get rid of these things? They are  
>> really getting on my nerves.

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>One method is hardly ever enough to kill these things:

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>Note that Microsoft is not sending you patches in emails  
nor should you EVER

>open attachments you did not expect in emails.

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>Please Notice that if you use AOL, you should at least  
upgrade to 9.0 or

>greater before doing any of the fixes. I know you can  
get AOL 9.0 at almost

>any convenience store, gas station, super market or  
other retail outlet in

>the world, so this should not be a problem.

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>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+)

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- > *Make sure you have all the updates (critical) installed from:*
- > <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com/>
- > *(Scan for updates, Review and Install)*
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- > *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.)*
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- > *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>
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- > *Hijack This!*
- > <http://mjc1.com/mirror/hjt/>
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- > *I also like "The Cleaner" and "SpywareBlaster" and "SpywareGuard".*
- > – <http://www.moosoft.com/>
- > – <http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/>
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- > *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. SpywareBlaster is a FANTASTIC free product, I suggest*
- > *getting this after you cleanup and keeping it updated as well....*
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- > *And Assortment of Others:*
- > <http://spywareinfo.com/>
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- > *ALSO – Be sure to IMMUNIZE after you clean up. SpywareBlaster and Spybot*
- > *Search and destroy both have these features – use both!*
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- >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)
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- >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)
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- > – 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.
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- >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.
- ><http://toolbar.google.com/>
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- >Stop loading applications at logon.. run MSCONFIG and look under the startup

>tab for things you *DON'T* want to startup! Search the  
Internet with Google  
>to discover what things are safe to remove and what  
things may even be  
>malware infecting your computer.  
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>Better control your email and lessen the amount of time  
you spend dealing  
>with SPAM:  
> SpamBayes  
> <http://sourceforge.net/projects/spambayes/>  
>or  
> Spamihilator.  
> <http://www.spamihilator.com>  
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