

## Re: Searching from Address Bar

**Source:**

<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Windows/microsoft.public.windows.inetexplorer.ie6.browser/2004-06/2134.htm>

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Hi Gordon – Nothing in the RestoreSearch2 .reg file would affect any of that. I suspect that you've other malware of some sort. I'm going to post the "full course" message, but I would suggest after you've read it that you go directly to the HiJackThis section and follow the steps there.

Sounds like this might be a variant of some malware called CoolWebSearch (if not, then see AdAware, SpyBot, and HijackThis, below). Do the following:

Download, UPDATE before running, and run:

<http://209.133.47.200/~merijn/files/CWShredder.exe> to remove the parasite.

Be sure to close all instances of IE and OE. You may also get it here if that link is blocked: <http://www.zerosrealm.com/downloads/CWShredder.zip>

BE SURE that you get v.158 or later!

You will need to show Hidden files first and then at the end disable System Restore and then reboot your system in order to clear the malware garbage from the backups after you've cleaned up. It's best to perform CWShredder (and most other malware fixers too) from Safe mode and then reboot. After cleaning things up, then you can disable and then re-enable System Restore. See \*\*\*\*\* below.

The following links give instructions on how to do these various functions:

HOW TO Restart in Safe Mode

<<http://service1.symantec.com/SUPPORT/tsgeninfo.nsf/docid/2001052409420406>>

HOW TO Enable Hidden Files

<<http://service1.symantec.com/SUPPORT/tsgeninfo.nsf/docid/2002092715262339>>

HOW TO Disable/Flush System Restore (do this at the end AFTER cleaning)

<<http://service1.symantec.com/SUPPORT/tsgeninfo.nsf/docid/2001111912274039>>

(WinXP)

<<http://service1.symantec.com/SUPPORT/tsgeninfo.nsf/docid/2001012513122239>>

(WinME)

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Then download and run:

[http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/regs\\_edits/iegentabs.reg](http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/regs_edits/iegentabs.reg) to restore your tabs and remove any restrictions that the parasite has put in place.

Be sure that you also download and install hotfix Q816093, here: