

Re: I want to change Search Engine

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Hi bubbles :-)

You may have a hijacker, malware, spyware or parasites on your system causing this problem. In addition to running your updated anti-virus program, you should do the following to be sure none of these are present on your system. Some variants of malware can replicate themselves over and over if not removed properly. Please follow all instructions carefully to be sure your system is thoroughly cleaned:

Dealing with Unwanted Spyware and Parasites:

<http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/unwanted.htm>

Be sure to run CWS shredder, Ad-aware and Spybot.

Also be sure to use the HijackThis. Please do not post your log to this newsgroup, but to the SpywareInfo or the Aumha HiJackThis forums

<http://forum.aumha.org/viewforum.php?f=30>, to allow the experts there to evaluate your log and advise you of the necessary steps to clean your system.

CAUTION!!!! Before you try to remove spyware using any of the programs below, download a copy of LSPFIX from any of the following sites:

<http://www.cexx.org/lspfix.htm>

<http://www.spychecker.com/program/winsockxpfix.html>

(if your OS is Win2k or XP) The process of removing certain malware may kill your internet connection. If this should occur, this program, LSPFIX, will enable you to regain your connection.

Also, get a copy of WINSOCKXPFIX available at:

<http://www.spychecker.com/program/winsockxpfix.html>

and

WinsockXP Fix- WinXP

<http://www.spychecker.com/program/winsockxpfix.html>

Also, with instructions, at

<http://www.iup.edu/house/resnet/winfix.shtm>

also

>From LavaSoft- all versions of Windows-

<http://digital-solutions.co.uk/lavasoft/whndnfix.zip>

also

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(NOTE: It is reported that in XP SP2, the command netsh winsock reset will fix this problem without the need for these programs.)

or

Winsock Fix Utility

<http://www.dfwonline.net/files/WinsockFix.zip>

Also.....

Courtesy of Jim Byrd –

Download Sysclean.com, from Trend Micro, here:

<http://www.trendmicro.com/download/dcs.asp> along with the latest pattern file, here:

<http://www.trendmicro.com/download/pattern.asp>

Be sure to read the "How-to" info here:

<http://www.trendmicro.com/ftp/products/tsc/readme.txt>

You might also want to get Art's updater, SYS-UP.Zip, here for future updating of these: <http://home.epix.net/~artnpeg/>.

(If you download and use the updater from the beginning, it will automatically handle downloading the other files. Place them in a dedicated folder after appropriate unzipping, and then run. This scan may take a long time, as Sysclean is VERY extensive and thorough

and.....

Additional information on how to protect your PC:

The Parasite Fight <http://www.aumha.org/a/quickfix.htm>

More security tips at <http://www.aumha.org/a/parasite.htm>

Bugs, Glitches & Stuffups: <http://www.mvps.org/inetexplorer/Darnit.htm>

So how did I get infected in the first place?

<http://boards.cexx.org/viewtopic.php?t=957&start=0&postdays=0&postorder=asc&highlight=&sid=53751d8ff591526>

or

<http://snipurl.com/980t>

also.....

What to Know Before You Download and Install Windows XP Service Pack 2

http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/sp2/sp2_whattoknow.mspx

How to Reinstall or Repair Internet Explorer and Outlook Express in Windows XP:

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=318378>

Here's a link that may help..

http://www.dougknox.com/xp/tips/xp_ie_reinstall.htm

How to remove Windows XP Service Pack 2 from your computer

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=875350>

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If these steps do not resolve your problem, please post back to this thread with the details and any error messages.

Hope this helps

Jan :)

Smiles are meant to be shared,
that's why they're so contagious.

Please reply to the newsgroup so others may benefit.
Replies are posted only to the newsgroup for the benefit of other readers.

How to make a good newsgroup post:

<http://www.dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

> *Hi Jan !!*
>
> *Okay, I opened IE and clicked on View | Explorer Bar | Search. All I*
> *got was the MSN search panel and no option anywhere to change*
> *preferences. I downloaded*
> *http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/regs_edits/RestoreSearch2.REG and*
> *still got the same after shutting down IE and re-opening. I didn't do*
> *the reg tweak as it says it only applies to IE4?*
>
> *I seem to be missing this option of change preferences no matter what*
> *I do! Any ideas?*
>
> *If it helps I'm running XP with SP2, and IE6 with applicable updates.*
>
> *Thanks*
>
> *"Jan !!" wrote:*
>
>> *Hi bubbles -)*
>>
>> *Try the following and see if it helps:*
>>
>> *Open IE and click on View | Explorer Bar | Search. This opens a side*
>> *panel for searches. If your side panel has the animated search*
>> *character, select Change Preferences and then select Change Internet*
>> *Search Behavior. A list of popular search engines appears, and you*
>> *can select your favorite from the list.*
>>
>> *This new default setting applies only to searches done from the side*
>> *panel. Entering keywords into the address bar will still trigger an*
>> *MSN search. But if you leave the side panel open, you can search*
>> *with your favorite engine without having to navigate to its site*
>> *first. And you'll get search refinement suggestions in the sidebar*
>> *along with your engine's results.*
>>
>> *If you'd rather search from the address bar, after selecting Change*

>> *Internet Search Behavior select With Classic Internet Search. Then*
>> *close IE and reopen it. The side panel will now contain a Customize*
>> *selection on the menu bar. Click on that to open the Customize*
>> *Search Settings dialog. Click on the Autosearch settings button and*
>> *you'll see a second dialog that lets you change the default engine*
>> *for searches from the address bar itself. Once you've chosen the*
>> *engine you prefer, you can close the side panel. Searches entered in*
>> *the address bar will now be sent to your preferred search engine.*
>>
>> *If you don't see your favorite search engine among those listed in*
>> *IE you may be able to add yours anyway. AllTheWeb, for example, lets*
>> *you click on an option to make it the default search engine in IE*
>>
>> *or.....*
>>
>> *Change the Internet Explorer Search Engine (All Windows)*
>> *<http://www.winguides.com/registry/display.php/289>*
>>
>> *CAUTION! Be sure to back up your registry before making any changes!*
>>
>> *or.....*
>>
>> *Can't customize search options*
>>
>> *Download and run:*
>> *http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com/regs_edits/RestoreSearch2.REG to*
>> *restore your default Search functionality. You'll have to manually*
>> *re-select any Customizations you may have had, however*
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>> *If these steps do not resolve your problem, please post back to this*
>> *thread with the details and any error messages.*
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>> *Hope this helps*
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>> *readers.*
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>> *How to make a good newsgroup post:*
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>> *I want to change the search engine from MSN search. However after*
>>> *reading all the posts here, when I click on the search button on the*
>>> *toolbar and the search pane opens on the left hand side, I do not*
>>> *get any option to change preferences. I have clicked into customise*
>>> *search settings but there seems to be no options in here to add a*

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>>> *search engine. To use search companion it tells me to click on the*

>>> *search button and change preferences!*

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>>> *Any ideas anyone?*