

Re: Mysterious Entries in Address bar

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Hi Dan :-)

You may have a hijacker, malware, spyware or parasites on your system causing this problem. Thus, 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. Although you may have already run one or more of the programs, please do so again according to the instructions below. 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 CWShredder, Ad-aware and Spybot.

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

(or Spybot – Search and Destroy DSO Exploit Fix 1.3.1 TX)

<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download4392.html>

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

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Also, with instructions, at

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

also

>From LavaSoft– all versions of Windows–

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

also

(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.....

NOTE: If you can not download these programs from the Internet, if your PC has CD read capabilities, go to another computer with CD-ROM burning capabilities. Create a folder on the hard drive of the other computer called HOLD, download the programs to that folder, then burn that folder to a CD. Copy the HOLD folder to your HD and then install the programs from there and run them. After you have IE access again, update all programs where possible to get the latest definitions and run them again in Safe Mode to be sure there are no lingering items on the system.

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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>

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Malware: what it is and how to prevent it – Part 1
<http://arstechnica.com/articles/paedia/malware.ars>

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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>

- > *I have started to accumulate URL's in my Address bar that are*
- > *unfamiliar and in many cases not even valid links even though the*
- > *addresses seem properly formed.*
- >
- > *Is there any way an address can be added to the bar without a user*
- > *typing it in?*
- >
- > *I run Spybot regularly but it isn't finding anything.*
- >
- > *Many of the entries are adult in nature even though I'm running*
- > *ContentProtect nanny software, and I'm pretty sure my 2 year old isn't*
- > *hacking the password.*
- >
- > *Any ideas???*
- >
- >
- > *Thx!*
- >
- > *Dan*