

# Re: Invalid Syntax Error for some pages

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<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/Windows/microsoft.public.windows.inetexplorer.ie6.browser/2005-05/msg0047>

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- *From:* "Jan II" <[abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Thu, 5 May 2005 13:10:20 -0400
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Hi Dan :-)

Have you tried to do a System Restore to a date before all this started? If it is a cross up of set ups program conflicts or whatever that is not related to a 3rd party software problem, then perhaps that would be a way to sort things out again. A SR would eliminate all the program installs or mis-installs so that your system would be as it was the date before all the problems started. Then you can take things slowly, redo the steps one at a time and see which one may have caused the problem.

How to restore the operating system to a previous state in Windows XP  
<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/q306084/>

How to Restore an WinXP system to a previous State using System Restore  
[http://home.earthlink.net/~mvp\\_bert/index.html](http://home.earthlink.net/~mvp_bert/index.html)

Hope this helps :-)

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Sorry for the multiple posts but I just found out one more thing - I tried to download firefox and I got the error: "your current security settings do not allow this file to be downloaded." I am not sure how important this is but it definitely started happening at the same time.  
Thanks again,  
-Dan

"Dan" <danorth@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:%23jbcLGUUFHA.2056@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:%23jbcLGUUFHA.2056@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi Jan, sorry - I meant my log file is at  
[www.danielorth.com/hijackthis.log.txt](http://www.danielorth.com/hijackthis.log.txt). Sorry about that. Thank you for your time and effort with helping me - I really appreciate it.  
-Dan

"Dan" <danorth@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:O4FXjEUUFHA.2172@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:O4FXjEUUFHA.2172@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Jan,  
I actually didn't post it in a forum but ran it through the analyzer at  
<http://www.hijackthis.de/index.php?langselect=english>.  
It showed nothing out of the ordinary but if you care to look at it, it is also posted at  
[www.danielorth.com/hijackthis.log](http://www.danielorth.com/hijackthis.log). I did delete all the TIFs as well and the problem is still there. Thank you for your help!  
-Dan

"Jan Il" <abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message  
[news:ul6AWeRUFHA.3544@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:ul6AWeRUFHA.3544@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi Dan :-)

In which forum did you post your HiJackThis log? Could you please post a link to the forum where you posted it? Also, try this and see if it helps:

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Safely Delete the Temporary Internet Files  
<http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/delcache.htm>

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Hi Jan,  
I appreciate your  
help a bunch!  
Unfortunately I did  
everything that you  
suggested (except  
the online scans -  
those webpages  
wouldn't show up -  
I just got the  
Invalid syntax  
error) but the  
problem still  
persists. Is there  
anything else I  
might try? Could  
this be caused by  
something other  
than malicious  
ware? I also am  
realizing that  
Window XP SP2's  
built in firewall  
was asking me to  
unblock alot of  
programs I use  
everyday for the  
first time today.

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It was almost like  
Trend Micro's  
firewall was not  
working. Also, I  
notice that in  
Outlook 2003 all of  
my html emails that  
contain graphics  
that normally just  
show up on there  
own were not being  
displayed unless I  
specifically  
clicked "download  
images." Thanks  
again for your  
help!  
-Dan

"Jan 11"  
<abuse@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
wrote in message  
[news:eneO2wPUFHA.612@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:eneO2wPUFHA.612@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)

Hi Dan :-)

You may  
have a  
hijacker  
and/or  
malware  
on your  
system.  
In  
addition  
to  
updating  
and  
running  
your AV,  
download,  
install  
and run  
the  
programs  
below in  
Safe  
Mode  
with

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Hidden  
Files  
enabled.  
This  
will  
remove  
the  
nasty  
you have  
and any  
others  
it may  
have let  
in the  
back  
door.  
Some  
malware  
can  
replicate  
itself  
repeatedly  
if not  
removed  
properly,  
so run  
them  
again  
according  
to the  
information  
below so  
that  
Windows  
is not  
operating  
to hide  
any  
files  
'in use'  
Follow  
all  
instructions  
carefully:

First, Clear the TIF's and empty the recycle bin:  
<http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/delcache.htm>

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Also.empty your Recycle bin.

Then do the following:

WARNING>>>>  
Backup  
all  
documents  
and  
files  
before  
removing  
any  
spyware!!

How to properly scan for scumware (read first, if possible)  
<http://aumha.org/forum/viewtopic.php?t=5878>

Download and install BHODemon from  
<http://www.definitivesolutions.com/bhodemon.htm>  
Your problem may be caused by a bad BHO.

Most  
importantly,  
download  
install  
and run  
CWShredder  
here  
<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download3019.html>  
and  
About  
Buster,  
which  
searches  
for  
hidden  
.dlls  
that  
recreate  
the  
malware.  
<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download4289.html>  
Then  
visit

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these  
two  
sites to  
test for  
parasites  
and help  
basic  
cleaning:  
On-Line  
Check  
<http://aumha.org/a/noads.htm>  
and  
Quick-Fix  
Protocol.  
<http://aumha.org/a/quickfix.php>  
Basically,  
throw  
everything  
here at  
your  
"infection".

Then  
download,  
install  
and  
immediately  
update  
these  
three  
programs  
before  
running:  
AdAware  
SE -  
Update  
immediately  
after  
installing  
<http://www.download.com/3000-2144-10045910.html>  
AdAware  
Tutorial  
-  
<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/index.php>  
SpyBot S  
&D -  
Update  
immediately  
after  
installing  
<http://www.majorgeeks.com/download2471.html>

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SpyBot

S&D

Tutorial

-

<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/index.php>

Microsoft

Windows

Antispyware

Program

(Beta)

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spywar>

Also download, install and run CWSredder:

<http://www.majorgeeks.com/downloadget.php?id=3019&file=11>

Next, do an Online scan here (if possible) -

<http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/com/activescan.php>

Make sure that you choose "fix" or "clean".

Download PocketKkillbox from

<http://www.thespykiller.co.uk/files/killbox.exe>

and put it on the desktop where you can find it easily

Download,

install,

and run

HiJackThis

- it is

one of

the most

important

tools to

help

clean

your

system

of

scumware.

Follow

the

instructions

carefully:

How to

download

and

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install  
HiJackThis:  
(it does  
not need  
to be  
updated)  
<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/topict30>

Please  
DO NOT  
post  
your log  
to this  
newsgroup.  
It is  
important  
that you  
go  
to one  
of the  
HiJackThis  
Support  
Forums  
below  
and  
allow  
the  
experts  
there  
to  
analyze  
it for  
you.  
AumHa  
HiJackThis  
Forum  
<http://forum.aumha.org/viewforum.php?f=30>  
or  
Bleeping  
Computer  
Forum  
<http://www.bleepingcomputer.com/forums/forum22>  
to allow  
the  
experts  
there to  
evaluate  
your log  
and  
advise  
you of

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any  
necessary  
steps to  
clean  
your  
system.  
(Note:  
You will  
have to  
Register  
before  
posting  
on these  
Forums.  
Please  
follow  
all  
posting  
instructions  
carefully  
to avoid  
having  
your log  
deleted  
or  
ignored.)

Also,  
please  
post a  
link to  
the  
forum  
where  
you post  
your HJT  
log back  
to this  
thread  
so that  
we can  
follow  
your  
progress  
there.

CAUTION!!!!  
Before  
you try  
to  
remove

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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>  
(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.

You  
should  
also get  
a copy  
of  
WINSOCKXPFIX  
available  
at:  
<http://www.spychecker.com/program/winsockxpfix>

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and  
WinsockXP  
Fix-  
WinXP  
<http://www.spychecker.com/program/winsockxpfix>  
with  
instructions,  
at  
<http://www.iup.edu/house/resnet/winfix.shtm>  
also...  
From  
LavaSoft-  
all  
versions  
of  
Windows-  
<http://digital-solutions.co.uk/lavasoft/whndnf>  
(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>

How to Restart in Safe Mode  
<http://servicel.symantec.com/SUPPORT/tsgeninfo.nsf/docid/>

How to Show Hidden Files  
<http://snipurl.com/6rl8>

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Hello everyone,

Just  
last  
night  
IE  
6  
started  
giving  
me  
an  
"Invalid  
syntax  
error"  
in  
the  
title  
bar  
and

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saying  
"The  
page  
cannot  
be  
displayed."  
I  
am  
not  
sure  
what  
is  
going  
on.  
I  
only  
installed  
the  
Netscape  
8  
browser  
beta  
recently  
and  
I  
uninstalled  
that  
too  
but  
no  
luck.  
The  
thing  
is  
that  
not  
every  
page  
is  
giving  
me  
an  
error.  
I  
know  
News.com  
doesn't  
work  
as  
well  
as

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a  
few  
others.  
When  
I  
click  
on  
Windows  
Update  
I  
just  
get  
a  
totally  
blank  
white  
screen  
as  
well.  
I  
am  
running  
Windows  
XP  
Pro  
SP2  
with  
IE  
6  
SP2.  
I  
have  
Trend  
Micro  
Internet  
Security  
2005  
installed  
with  
all  
updated  
components.  
I  
have  
also  
tried  
running  
Ad-Aware  
and  
SpyBot  
but

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neither  
turned  
up  
anything.

I  
would  
REALLY  
appreciate  
any  
help  
that  
anyone  
could  
give  
as  
I  
am  
becoming  
fairly  
nervous  
that  
there  
is  
something  
wrong  
with  
my  
system.  
Thank  
you,

-Dan Orth

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