

Re: Can't change home page, read others post

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Frank, I have tried both of the links you supplied, no good. I looked in the immunize portion of Spybot S&D, but the only check box I find is for "Enable permanent blocking of bad addresses in IE". Maybe I'm blind or else the "Lock IE Start Page Settings" is not available in the latest version.

As for the regedit options, the only complete path I could find in XP w/SP2 was the HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Control Panel, and its value was at 0. It read 0x00000000 (0).

As for the possibility you mention that "Some pages will also download a program which keeps changing it back", unless such a program sets the home page to its current setting, that would be unlikely as my home page is set to my church's website and my wife's user account is set to the MSN default page (it won't change either).

Do you have any other suggestions!!!!

Tom

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I've read many post from folks that can't change their IE home page. The general 'cure' is dealing with anti spyware and anti virus software. So I removed all my anti spyware and virus software, ad-aware, spybot s&d, windows defender and AVG. Still, the home page won't reset from when I did a files and settings transfer to set it originally when I bought the computer. I even changed the homepage on another computer, did a settings transfer to cd and tried to install those setting with the new home page to this computer, all without success. I'm open to suggestions, ... this side of firefox.
Thanks, Tom

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If they locked the homepage, removing the program won't unlock it. You have to turn off the locking in the program that locked it

OR

From <http://www.fjsmjs.com/IE/homepage.htm>

If you have SpyBot S&D installed, go to the "Immunize" section.
Is "Lock IE Start Page Settings" ticked?
If so, uncheck it.

If that is not the problem, get and run these programs (if you test after each one you can stop when the problem is gone):

Ad-Aware:

<http://www.lavasoftusa.com>

Once installed make sure to update via online before scanning!
and

Spybot – Search & Destroy –

<http://security.kolla.de/>

<http://security.kolla.de/index.php?lang=en&page=download>

<http://spybot.eon.net.au/>

<http://www.tomcoyote.org/SPYBOT/>

Once installed make sure to update via online before scanning!
and

BHO Demon: <http://www.spywareinfo.com/downloads/bhod/>

Until the problem is solved.

cSome Web pages will reset your home page and do this. One of the customizations they might make is to disable the ability to change the home page, so that you are forced to use their home page. You can re-enable this by making a small change in the Windows registry.

In Regedit, navigate to this key:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Control Panel

In the right-hand pane, right-click the "HomePage" value, then select Modify. Change it to: 00 00 00 00

Also change either or these to zero 0 instead of 1 if present:

[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies\Explorer] – DWORD "NoSetHomePage"=dword:00000001

[HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Policies\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Restrictions] – DWORD "NoSetHomePage"=dword:00000001

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If you don't have this key, browse to:

HKEY_CURRENT_USER\Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer\Main

and in the right hand pane, double click "Local Page" and set equal to "C:\WINDOWS\System\blank.htm" (no quotes) which will hopefully set your Home Page to blank and then allow you to subsequently modify it using Internet Options.

Exit regedit and reboot.

When you reboot, you should be able to change the home page again.

Some pages will also download a program which keeps changing it back. Go to Start | Run and type:

msconfig

and press <Enter> or click OK. Go to the Startup tab.

See if you can identify any suspicious programs. If you can, uncheck it, If you can't, change the home page to what you want and then uncheck one and then reboot. Try IE. If the Web page changed, change it back and then try msconfig again, rechecking the last one and unchecking the next. Keep doing this until you find the culprit.

You might also want to look at this little program. I haven't tried it, but I've read encouraging reports:

<http://www.pjwalczak.com/spguard/>

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Frank Saunders, MS-MVP OE/WM

Reply in newsgroup

"They who would give up an essential liberty for temporary security, deserve neither liberty or security"