

Re: MS Homepage and Anti-Spyware

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Well Tom, the only website I visited after installing XP Pro on a new HDD was the MS Windows update site, so if I got a spy, I would think it would of had to of come from that site. Is that possible?

Given the howling in several of these news groups about MS' role as the king of spyware, I guess anything is possible. I did not install the Genuine Windows listening post. Think that could have caused that hijack action?

I have installed all of those anti-spyware packages and now have more protection in place than a 30 year-old virgin at a rock concert. Ran all of them, and no spyware detected. Set the Home Page protection locks, so that should eliminate the problem.

I was really just wondering if anybody was aware of MS downloading something that would keep switching the Home Page to their MSN site.

Thanks for your response.

Tom Willett wrote:

You can have as many anti-spyware programs installed as you wish. They all catch things the others don't.

If you don't have any anti-spyware programs installed, that may explain your problem.

"Gman" <mbient@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:1152399760.680294.124770@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

I apologize Don, the second part of my post wasn't clear.

I don't have any Anti-Spyware installed, yet, but intend to install a copy of Spy Sweeper that was given to me for Father's Day.

I was just asking if anyone had experienced any conflicts between Spy Sweeper and the freeby-threesome - Spybot Search & Destroy, Spyware

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Blaster and AdAware, and whether or not it made any sense to have ALL installed.

The first part of my post is still the main problem. Every time I launch IE, something tries to change the Home Page to an MS site. Would like to know what that something is and how to kill it?

Thanks for your response.

Don Varnau wrote:

Hi,
Try starting up in Safe Mode, Spysweeper shouldn't launch. Change the homepage. Restart. See if Spysweeper accepts the new homepage.

Or, kill Spysweeper then change the homepage.

Hope this helps,
Don
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"Gman" <mbient[at]gmail.com> wrote in message
news:1152383295.471001.159020@xx

After reinstalling and updating XP Pro, IE6's Home Page keeps getting changed to an MS site. I change it to 'about:blank', but the next time I launch IE, there's that darned MS Home Page again.

I installed Win Patrol and now get a message that the Home Page has been changed, with the option to deny the change, but I would like to eliminate the problem and that message altogether.

I recall that Spybot S&D had an option to lock the Home Page (maybe it was the Tea Timer app), but I have not installed SS&D since I was told Spy Sweeper is better. I don't know if they are compatible or just redundant. Same goes for Spyware Blaster and AdAware with Spy Sweeper.

Any suggestions for fixing the Home Page

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problem will be appreciated,
as well as any advise on the compatibility of
those anti-spyware
products, and the advisability of having them
all installed.

Thanks