

Re: Unrecognizable characters in IE 6 / Google Toolbar Problem

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1. This is not a moderated newsgroup.

2. Google Groups archive shows no other recent posts containing the phrase "unrecognizable characters" (<http://groups.google.com/groups/search?q=%22unrecognizable+characters%22&start=0&scoring=d>) and no recent posts by you (<http://groups.google.com/groups/search?q=tech1+OR+author%3Amark%40texanit.com&start=0&scoring=d>).

3. The behavior you describe has been recognized to have been caused by Google Toolbar for quite some time, especially in IE7 Beta.

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tech1 wrote:

For some reason the topic of unrecognizable characters in IE 6 was magically closed by the moderator? The posts did not fix my problem and people still have issues.

Symptoms:

Internet Explorer 6 plain font types are missing and/or substituted with a WP Boxed Drawing Font.

I was getting strange characters showing up on a couple of my Windows Server 2003 machines and I read through many help forums and through Microsoft fixes and patches for font problems but all of the fixes required a reinstall of the windows fonts. This task is a pain in the ass because it requires backing up my old fonts, deleting the key containing the fonts in the windows system registry, rebooting my computer, then reinstalling the fonts from the Windows CD.

Seconds before I began to reinstall the fonts ... I decided to check for any programs in my startup files or that were running as system processes that could have been the cause of this font substitution.

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As soon as I killed the Google Toolbar process that was running in memory I magically got my plain font types back (Latin based).

The Google Toolbar runs as a system process long after closing Internet Explorer.

Quick Solution:
Uninstall Google Toolbar

Is Google experimenting with creating new fonts to replace Microsoft's Internet Explorers Fonts?

I know that the fonts Microsoft created are one of the underlying reasons they are successful ... but please don't experiment on your customers.

It seems like Google has installed SpyWare on my operating system that substituted fonts on my machine.

Has Ad-Aware been bought off by Google? Could this be the reason for the Google toolbar distribution in Ad-Aware's software? Makes sense.

Google User Suggestion:

Google needs a patch area on their website to fix toolbar.
Call it something like Google Toolbar Patch 1.0.