

# Re: Memory/Resource leak continues w/ IE 6, WinXP

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Dear Frank,

Hi, and thanks for responding to my post.

I'm checking for spyware, adware, etc., as we speak. So far, nothing more troubling than two "coupon bar" entries that my VirusScan caught, along with 40 cookies caught by Ad-Aware.

I'd heard about WinXP SP2, but had also heard that upgrading might not be the thing for everyone to do (i.e., there could be a benefit to staying with SP1, perhaps as the upgrade process itself can be problematic).

Nonetheless, can you please tell me anything specific about what I'm experiencing, presuming it isn't malware-related?

Thanks again!

Bram

"Frank Saunders, MS-MVP OE/WM" wrote:

"Bram Weiser" <[BramWeiser@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:BramWeiser@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in message <news:8B2F6DA6-9E27-4750-BA30-AD708B32EC7F@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello, again, Everyone,

(My apologies if this seems a bit familiar to some of you, as I'd previously posted about this here, when I suspected that this issue was somehow related to Google or Yahoo! toolbars, but, even though they're both uninstalled from my PC, this issue has appeared again, so may I please ask for your assistance?)

For reasons that escape me, my IE 6 browser can open up its regular

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complement of windows in WinXP SP1 BUT, after reaching their limit, once I then start to close some of them, I become unusually limited as to how many I can open afterward.

Usually, it's supposed to be fairly one-to-one (close one, become able to open another one) but, now, it's more like close two, maybe open one...if you're good. ;)

No, seriously, something's amiss here. This isn't supposed to happen, and it's like not enough memory or resources are being returned to the system after closing a window.

BTW, if I shut down all IE windows that remain open, I can then go back...for a time...to opening the full complement of windows again, and I'm back where I started.

Can you please guide/assist me to try and resolve this? Any questions, please ask and I'll be happy to answer the best I can.

Thanks so much!

Bram

You really need to make sure the computer is malware free and then upgrade to SP2.

Help with malware

All MS-MVP Sites.

<http://aumha.org/a/parasite.htm>

(<http://aumha.org/a/quickfix.htm>)

[http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Removing\\_Malware](http://www.elephantboycomputers.com/page2.html#Removing_Malware)

(<http://mvps.org/winhelp2002/unwanted.htm>)

(<http://inetexplorer.mvps.org/darnit.html>)

([http://www.mvps.org/sramesh2k/Malware\\_Defence.htm](http://www.mvps.org/sramesh2k/Malware_Defence.htm))

Unexplained computer behavior may be caused by deceptive software.

<http://support.microsoft.com/kb/827315>

So How Did I Get Infected Anyway?

For quite a few people it's by installing Messenger Plus, whose ads for malware don't identify the malware as such and try to convince you that you owe it to the author. See also:

<http://www.wilderssecurity.com/showthread.php?t=27971>

Don't ever do a "default" install of anything. Always choose Custom and see what else is being carried along. Don't install any extras you're not sure of.

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Answer in newsgroup. Don't send mail.