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"Needsolution" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:B5F7B75E-5151-44C8-AF9C-445912CDEA8C@microsoft.com...
> *When ever I log on to internet explorer homepage www.msn.com after a few minutes the page is redirected to other homepage called res://mshp.dll/index.html#22776. This is a sales page for all kinds of stuff. Then it changes the default home page to this and every time I restart then it goes to this new page. Tried deleteing Temporary files in Tools option but happens again. Need a real solution to this crap made by Billy and Co.*

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If by "Billy and CO." you mean Bill Gates, it is not his fault that you have your security settings set so low that "Browser Helper Objects" (BHO'S) can load without you giving your express permission, and that you allow ad-ware to be installed also without your permission.

The first thing you need to do is run a good virus scan. Please tell me you are running a decent virus protection system. You can also do one one line in a number of places. <http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/> is one such place.

After you are sure you have no viruses, run ad-aware at spybot at the mininum, and rid your system of "targeted advertising" programs. SpyBot here: <http://security.kolla.de/>
Ad-aware here: <http://www.lavasoftusa.com/support/download/>

Once you have things all cleaned out, there are some settings you will need to change to keep them out.

Close all instances of IE and OE
Control Panel | Internet Options

Click on the "Security" tab
Highlight the "Internet" icon, click "Custom Level"

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- 1) "Download signed ActiveX scripts" = Prompt
- 2) "Download unsigned ActiveX scripts = Disable
- 3) "Initialize and script ActiveX not marked as safe" = Disable
- 4) "Installation of Desktop items" = Prompt
- 5) "Launching programs and files in a IFRAME" = Prompt

Click on the "Content" tab
Click the "Publishers" button

Highlight and click "Remove" any unknowns, click Ok

Click on the "Advanced" tab
Uncheck: "Install on demand (other)", click Apply\Ok

Prevent your "HomePage" setting from being Hijacked
<http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/ietips.htm>

Lastly, might I suggest you use a real newgroup reader like outlook express instead of the Microsoft CDO browser?

Assuming that you have Outlook Express configured for its defaults you could try using it by clicking on this link and then doing just a bit of personalizing:
<news://msnews.microsoft.com/>

Good luck.

Outgoing mail is certified Virus Free.
Checked by AVG anti-virus system (<http://www.grisoft.com>).
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