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**Subject: Virus?**

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 03:55:32 GMT

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This thing has been popping up on my computer quite a bit and it's annoying. I don't think there's any kind of pattern aside from maybe every 30 mins or an hour it may pop up. Any ideas how to get rid of it.

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Just as I wrote this message I thought of deleting the cookies and temp internet files and all so I'll go ahead and try that and see if it helps :/

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 03:57:22 GMT

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It's called a pop-up ad. Notice the "Windows Internet Explorer" title on that window.

Want to fix this issue? Enable the pop-up blocker and make it strict, or just switch to Firefox or Opera. That or you can keep getting those annoying pop-up ads. Your choice.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 04:28:22 GMT

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Yes, but the thing is it will sometimes pop up when I'm not even using internet explorer. But so far I've been good, so hopefully deleting the temp files fixed it...

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 04:30:02 GMT

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I still suggest changing your browser. HIGHLY recommend it.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 04:32:01 GMT

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I recommend getting spybot: Search and Destroy, found here:

<http://www.safer-networking.org/index2.html>

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It gets rid of most crap. Also, change to Firefox or anything other than internet explorer. Seriously.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [nopol10](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 04:33:39 GMT

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That is a nasty piece of virus/adware. I got it last time and if I'm not wrong, its called Smitfraud-888 or something along that line. You should use Spybot, although it didn't help me when this one infected my comp. I had to reformat though I hope you won't have to.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 04:46:27 GMT

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Well I have Opera, Firefox, and IE. I mostly use Opera. Maybe I'll completely uninstall IE. And I have spybot. I always keep the immunization pretty up to date. I haven't scanned with it yet tho so I'll go ahead and do that.

Edit: I just remembered, I also have goback from my school installing it onto our computers... If i reverted back to a previous time before it, that could get rid of it, right?

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 04:51:24 GMT

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I don't think it is a pop-up related to the use of IE. That title bar is most likely a trap to get you to believe it is a pop-up when you first look at it.

You would then go and put up a pop-up blocker, but the message would still come up, thus eliminating that from the victim's mind and getting them one step closer to actually believing it is a real Windows message.

Obviously it isn't, Windows would never advertise any 3rd party software. They don't even advertise 1st party software from Microsoft..

Have you done a simple virus/Adware/spyware scan?

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 04:57:41 GMT

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Yeah, I've scanned with Ad-aware and I've done a boot scan with avast.

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Edit: I am currently scanning with Spybot and so far it has found that "SmitFraud-C."

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Ok, hopefully that got rid of it.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 05:35:36 GMT

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LOL....popup ad for ad-remover software...oh sweet irony!

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [renalpha](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 06:12:22 GMT

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smitfraud viruses are nasty ^^

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 07:26:23 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Fri, 08 February 2008 06:35LOL....popup ad for ad-remover software...oh sweet irony!

It's not a simple popup, check the other posts. I'm pretty sure as well that it's spyware, but I'm afraid it might be a tough one to get rid of.

To avoid getting this kind of stuff, I recommend you not to visit unknown pr0n and warez sites.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 08:34:05 GMT

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Yeah, only visit the well known and trusted illegal sites!

Also, I had a similar virus once, where it kept putting this BS icon on my desktop. Also put itself on my taskbar, and wouldn't go away, and really slowed down my computer. Made a bunch of popups. Went through about 4-5 different anti-adware/spyware things, and eventually SpyBot: Search and Destroy got it rid of it. But, it got rid of my desktop and taskbar along with it. So now I

gotta use Task Manager to run things . Hope you don't have a similar problem.

TL;DR: VIRUSES FUCKING SUCK.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [Zion](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 09:04:15 GMT

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Try running exorer.exe through the task manager.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 09:18:50 GMT

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Stupid websites with bad advertisement automatically redirect you to that that website and you get said pop up.

Nothing to worry about, just delete your temp Internet files, and adjust your pop-up blocker to be more strict.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 09:23:06 GMT

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Zion Fox wrote on Fri, 08 February 2008 09:04Try running exorer.exe through the task manager. Doesn't work- But I can atleast type in C:\ and it opens the explorer part. I can live without desktop and taskbar, anyways.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [mrÃ£Ã§Ã·z](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 11:08:19 GMT

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Dude, Download "HijackThis" and install it. Run the Programm and click on "Do a system scan and save logfile".

After its scanned your Computer its creating a Text file, Post the FULL text file here! then im going to check the Textfile on a German wesite. Afther that im going to Tell you whats wrong!

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 12:05:14 GMT

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I had this, but it was on Windows Anti-Virus, a rogue program. This is so annoying though, one reason I got NOD32.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [Romaner](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 15:45:32 GMT

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also try spyware doctor, if you ask me its better than spybot s&d but its not free. or atleast not free legally check torrents for it or something if you are interested. i have been using it for a while now and even though i got to use it first as an illegal copy it proved to me that it is worth paying for.

actually i like a lot of the pccillin software, like spyware doctor and the full pccillin center with firewall antivirus and all that stuff. imo these two are worth paying for.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 15:59:11 GMT

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I think spybot got rid of it.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 19:20:07 GMT

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(sigh) Looks like it's still on my comp.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [The Executor](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 20:19:32 GMT

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lol only lame people fall for those cheesy fake popups from the internet. :S

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [trooprm02](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 20:34:34 GMT

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bisen11 wrote on Fri, 08 February 2008 13:20(sigh) Looks like it's still on my comp.

I had the same trojan, its the only one that made it past thru me ever since I installed XP Pro,

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period. It was tough (back when it was new), but I remeber something to do with safe mode and regedit32...

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 08 Feb 2008 23:35:58 GMT

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Removed due to possible bad site, sorry.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [mrÃ£Ã§Ã·z](#) on Sat, 09 Feb 2008 00:24:39 GMT

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MadRockz wrote on Fri, 08 February 2008 05:08Dude, Download "HijackThis" and install it. Run the Programm and click on "Do a system scan and save logfile".

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [Veyrdite](#) on Sat, 09 Feb 2008 01:23:33 GMT

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Goztow wrote on Sat, 09 February 2008 10:35I didn't try this but look at xxx .

I don't recommend you visit that site

. This is why

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [nopol10](#) on Sat, 09 Feb 2008 02:40:03 GMT

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When people ask you for HijackThis logs, it means the virus won't be sorted out for at least another year, so forget it. I had this (Smitfraud.C) on my other comp 2 years ago and it could never be removed. That virus just keeps coming back after you reboot. I tried searching Ad-aware's forums but all I got was people posting HijackThis logs with no solution. I had to reformat my comp. Safe mode didn't work for me but you could try regedit (if you know where anything related to that is)...and what Dthdealer said.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 09 Feb 2008 03:53:10 GMT

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You should do a system restore back to a point where you didn't have the virus. (Hopefully it didn't delete your restore points)

I had a virus like this before, the only thing that gave it away and made me know for a fact that it was a virus was that in those popup balloons that come up sometimes from the task bar to tell you something is happening, something popped up saying "Click this balloon to go to the security center"

Exactly word for word. They spelled "balloon" wrong. Lol.

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Subject: Re: Virus?

Posted by [Veyrdite](#) on Sat, 09 Feb 2008 05:12:09 GMT

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R315r4z0r wrote on Sat, 09 February 2008 14:53

Exactly word for word. They spelled "balloon" wrong. Lol.

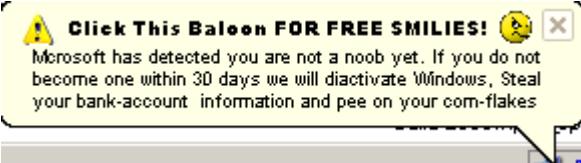
ROFL. I'd never notice something like that. I suck at spotting spelling mistakes.

EDIT: This is a little more blunt and obvious though.

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Subject: Re: Virus?

Posted by [bisen11](#) on Sun, 10 Feb 2008 00:32:35 GMT

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I went ahead and did a system restore. So far the pop ups haven't come. I think I'll go ahead and do a spybot scan though to make sure.

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Subject: Re: Virus?

Posted by [DarkDemin](#) on Sun, 10 Feb 2008 03:28:01 GMT

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download smitfraudfix google it.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Sun, 10 Feb 2008 09:17:21 GMT

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Dthdealer wrote on Sat, 09 February 2008 02:23Goztow wrote on Sat, 09 February 2008 10:35I  
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I don't recommend you visit that site

. This is why

Thank you, I have removed it.

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**Subject: Re: Virus?**

Posted by [havoc9826](#) on Sun, 10 Feb 2008 09:23:58 GMT

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MadRockz wrote on Fri, 08 February 2008 16:24MadRockz wrote on Fri, 08 February 2008  
05:08Dude, Download "HijackThis" and install it. Run the Programm and click on "Do a system  
scan and save logfile".

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to check the Textfile on a German wesite. Afther that im going to Tell you whats wrong!

If you're talking about [www.hijackthis.de](http://www.hijackthis.de), it translates the log file analysis into English. Make sure  
the "Show the visitors ratings" box is checked.

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