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Subject: Advice with unwanted ads...

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Spyware/Ads from hell.

About a month ago, i went looking for a specific font. I searched on Google, and clicked a link. That link sent me to one of those useless, crummy search engines that nobody likes with a billion popups and junk like that.

Well That web page had installed an IE toolbar without me being able to stop it. It also insalled various exe files to my comp and set those to run at startup. They were not trojans, not viruses, and not exactly spyware.

They would add unwanted links to favorites, change my homepage, allow its popups to show so they would bypass my popup blocker. (And the popups can happen at any time)

I would get spam messages similar to those recieved by the "messenger" service.

It was just infesting my computer.

I reformatted - Gone, I was happy.

Now 2 days ago, while i was at school someone from my family must have used the comp, and those things have come back. Slightly different this time. Homepage is still mine, it doesn't add unwanted links everywhere. However, there were still a few exe files on my comp. Don't know what each did, but i know that i am getting unwanted popups.

I found 27 cookie spywares on my comp yesterday after a scan with Ad-Aware 6. And i did a scan with mcafee virus scanner also. None of the following files were detected.

Screen:

How can i remove any traces of these files from startup, and stop this happening again?

EDIT;

I am using XP Pro SP1, all patches.

IE 6 SP1

Linksys Router

McAfee AV Running constantly

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