
Subject: Weird PC thing - Proxy
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Mon, 22 Nov 2010 01:45:01 GMT
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For some reason, both browsers I use (Opera in general, IE for sites with compatibility issues) suddenly and without warning changed their settings for LAN to connect through a proxy. This made internet access impossible for an hour or so until I finally figured it out and turned the setting off.

Anyone know why this would happen? Malware maybe?

Subject: Re: Weird PC thing - Proxy
Posted by [Zion](#) on Mon, 22 Nov 2010 12:34:07 GMT
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Probably, them trying to route you through one of their servers to get passwords, login info, etc. Either that or using html hooks to put their own ads on the websites you visit.

If anything ever happens to your computer, and you, or a program you authorised didn't change it, run a full system scan.

Subject: Re: Weird PC thing - Proxy
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 23 Nov 2010 01:07:26 GMT
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This might be unrelated, maybe not, but shortly before this happened, Java initialized without warning, then a .jar file (one whose name I can't recall was flagged by my antivirus and quarantined.

I did a full scan yesterday with no results, but I'm running it again with an update, just in case.

Subject: Re: Weird PC thing - Proxy
Posted by [Ethenal](#) on Mon, 29 Nov 2010 07:31:27 GMT
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That sounds exactly like a virus. My dad's computer had something very similar recently. I thought it was fucking with Window's actual networking code, but it simply set a proxy in all of the browsers. Nasty stuff.

Subject: Re: Weird PC thing - Proxy
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 30 Nov 2010 01:32:46 GMT
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Nothing came up and nothing else screwy has happened since then, but I'll keep my eyes open. Hopefully it's not trying anything else shady in the background.
