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ZeroAccess.Rootkit removal

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Question

Win Vista home premium

Infected system I have removed most of Trojans except this particularly bad one ZeroAccess.rootkit.

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To date - Cannot run Malwarebytes nor Spyhinet on system, Trojan intercepts - "corrupt image".

Removed system drive from laptop and added externally to a WinXP machine with Symantec Endpoint 11, Malwarebytes and Spyhunter. Ran spyhunter scans but Endpoint found files with "access denied".

Uninstalled endpoint and re-ran both Malwarebytes and Spyhunter until clean.

Re-installed drive in Vista system. Had corrupted desktop that troubleshooter cleaned up.

Ran ComboFix which found ZeroAccess.Rootkit. I can get desk top up but have no Internet connection. Properties come back with no IP connections for DNS, Gateway and system. Checked properties to ensure no LAN settings.

What can I do now?

John Lenz

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The stand alone sweeper was able to find and clean a Trojan embedded in Java. It did not restore networking; however, I then did a O/S recovery and am back up and working.

THX

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You'll probably have to reinstall, but before you do, try Microsoft's Standalone System Sweeper. Although it's still at the beta testing stage, it runs very well indeed and I've removed rootkit infections with it.

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On a working machine download the appropriate 32-bit or 64-bit version here <https://connect.microsoft.com/systemsweeper> and burn a CD. Boot from the CD and run a full scan.

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THX,

I'll try this. I have a extensive set of tools but this trojan is VERY bad.

I got one of the 2 systems working and cleaned. Hopefully this standalone run will do the trick. I cna see the infected files "deny access" but did not have the toolo to kill them.

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I'll post back results.

BTW, I do this as a living - keeping systems clean and running.

John Lenz

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Hi,

I would like to provide the following suggestions:

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1. You may specifically give the Administrator the full permissions on this folder and its subfolders and files, and then try to run the antivirus software to remove the virus again.
2. Please contact your antivirus program support to see if they have special update or tools to complete remove it.
3. Actually, the officially recommended method is still to format and re-install the compromised computer from a known good build (i.e. operating system CD + all security patches while disconnected from the network). For more information on hacking, please see these links:

Help: I Got Hacked. Now What Do I Do?

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/columns/secmgmt/sm0504.mspx>

Help: I Got Hacked. Now What Do I Do? Part II

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/community/columns/secmgmt/sm0704.mspx>

How A Criminal Might Infiltrate Your Network

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/technetmag/issues/2005/01/AnatomyofaHack/default.aspx>

Malicious Software Removal Tool

<http://www.microsoft.com/security/malwareremove/default.mspx>

The Day After: Your First Reponse To A Security Breach

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/technetmag/issues/2005/01/IncidentResponse>

4. You can also contact your antivirus vendor for assistance with identifying or removing virus or worm infections. If you need more help with virus-related issues, contact Microsoft Product Support Services.

For information about Security updates, visit the Microsoft [Virus Solution and Security Center](#) for resources and tools to keep your PC safe and healthy. If you are having issues with installing the update itself, visit [Support for Microsoft Update](#) for resources and tools to keep your PC updated with the latest updates.

I hope this helps. Thank you for your time and cooperation!

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Regards,

Sabrina

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ZeroAccess troubled me a lot too but you should try out [Mcafee's RootkitRemover.....](#)


The tool worked flawlessly and save many of my office computer's asses.

Cheers

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Another great tool that i have found is combofix it can be found on bleepingcomputer.com and it will remove zeroaccess rootkit and restore your network back to normal and it works well for many other infections and problems such as a missing taskbar. Best of all its free to use.

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I encountered the same problem as you describe, but didn't want to reinstall Windows as the system contained a lot of proprietary software with complex settings to reconfigure. To fix (if anyone else has the same problem - this worked for me), firstly reboot into the Microsoft Windows Recovery Console, then (where D:\ is the Windows install CD-ROM); expand D:\i386\ipsec.sys c:\Windows\system32\drivers\ipsec.sys expand D:\i386\dnsapi.dl_ C:\Windows\system32\dnsapi.dll expand D:\i386\dnsrslvr.dl_ C:\Windows\system32\dnsrslvr.dll (See: <http://www.osisecurity.com.au/blog/zeroaccess-rootkit-sirefef-no-internet-connectivity-dns>) Then reboot. This should fix the no IP address error in addition to the unable to resolve DNS problem. Goodluck! -Patrick

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