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I've have experienced problems with so called "spyware" that led me to manually search and remove the programs that create the continual popup windows or change the homepage without notice.

Window after window would open with no end in sight, MOST IMPORTANTLY I would be long gone from the original site of the infection (yes, "Infection") and continue to get/receive advertisements for products in which I never had any interest in to begin with. More then a few times I was unable to close the Internet Explorer and had to revert to shutting the computer down and restart only to find that when the Internet Explorer was re-opened that the multiple windows would start over. Luckily I became aware of two FREE products available over the net. (1) "Popup Stopper" and (2) "Adaware", with the combination of these two programs and current virus protection software I have been able to eliminate all the prior problems with much delight.

The only downside being some personal time is lost to update and run the above programs periodically, but in the long run it is well worth the effort.

I would like to add that others known to me have experience similar problems, if not worse.

I understand that the Internet is not all free and that the companies and the people that advertise do so to sell product and to make a profit. I just do not approve of or appreciate the forced advertisements and the loss of the control of my computer. I pay for the internet service I receive and believe I should maintain the control that comes with that.

Thank You
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