

How to remove Autorun.inf Virus

Ever wonder why your Anti Virus detects a virus in your autorun.inf whenever you insert your removable disk (USB, flash drive, et.) but it can't disinfect it nor delete it or if you're having a hard time accessing drives? Tried deleting it manually but you can't find the file?

Autorun.inf is hidden and it can't be remove or disinfected by Anti virus. And you try finding the autorun.inf file but failed even if you select to show all files from folder option?

Here's what you need to do...

1. Boot your system in Safemode
2. Open your flash drive via Command Prompt (do this via Start->Run->cmd.exe).
3. Change your logged drive to your USB flash drive (e.g. if your flash drive is at drive E: then type E: on the command prompt then press enter)
4. Type ATTRIB -H -R -S AUTORUN.INF then press enter
5. type in "del autorun.inf" then press [Enter]

After reboot, you can now access your drive.

or:

1. While the computer is still off;
2. Plugin the USB Drive
3. Insert the Windows XP CD-ROM into the CD-ROM drive. It must be the bootable Windows XP Installer
4. Start the computer from the CD-ROM drive. It will start Windows Setup screen

5. When the "Welcome to Setup" prompt appears. Press "R" to start the Recovery Console
6. If asked "Which Windows installation would you like to logon to" select the number. Type "1?" then Enter, if only one installation of Windows is present
7. Enter the administrator password, press Enter
8. It will bring you to command prompt, C:\Windows>
9. Proceed with the following command:

- Type d: (This is the drive letter of USB. It can be e: or f: depending on how many hard disk or cd drive is installed)

- Type attrib -h -r -s autorun.inf

- Type "edit autorun.inf" it will open DOS Editor and display contents as follows

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[autorun]

open=file.exe

shell\Open\Command=file.exe

shell\open\Default=1

shell\Explore\Command=file.exe

shell\Autoplay\command=file.exe

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Take note on the file that it called to open (in above example it is file.exe)

10. Exit DOS Editor and return to command prompt, D:\>

11. Delete the file that was called to open on DOS Editor

- Type del /f /a file.exe

12. Delete autorun.inf file

- Type del /f /a autorun.inf

13. Exit Recovery Console by typing exit.