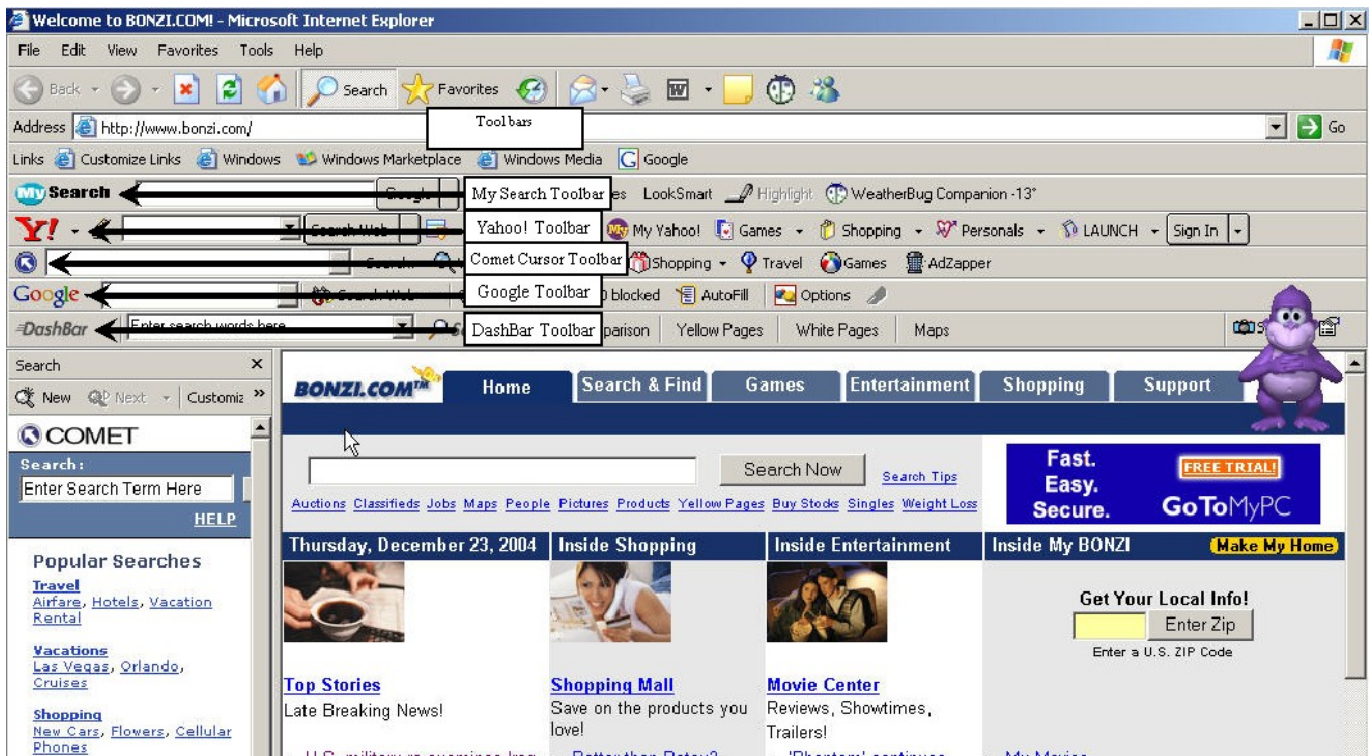
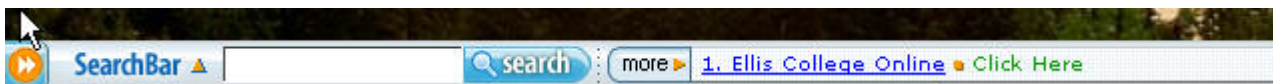


Uninstalling Adware

Discovering ad-ware on your computer is a growing concern. One place to look is in your Internet browser window. Some toolbars are better than others in NOT loading additional ad-ware onto your computer. The following image shows the number of toolbars that have been added to the Internet Explorer browser. Their positioning is the upper portion of the browser window.



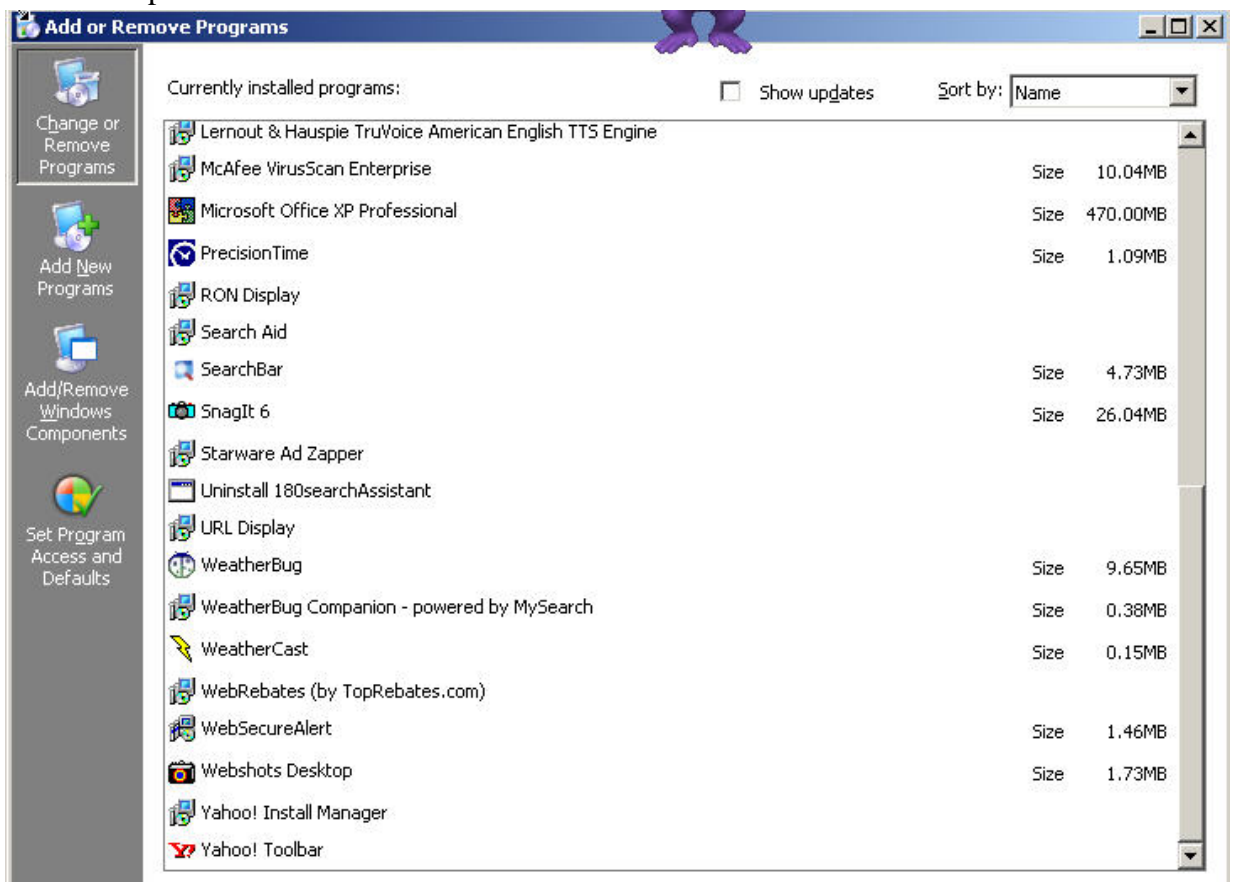
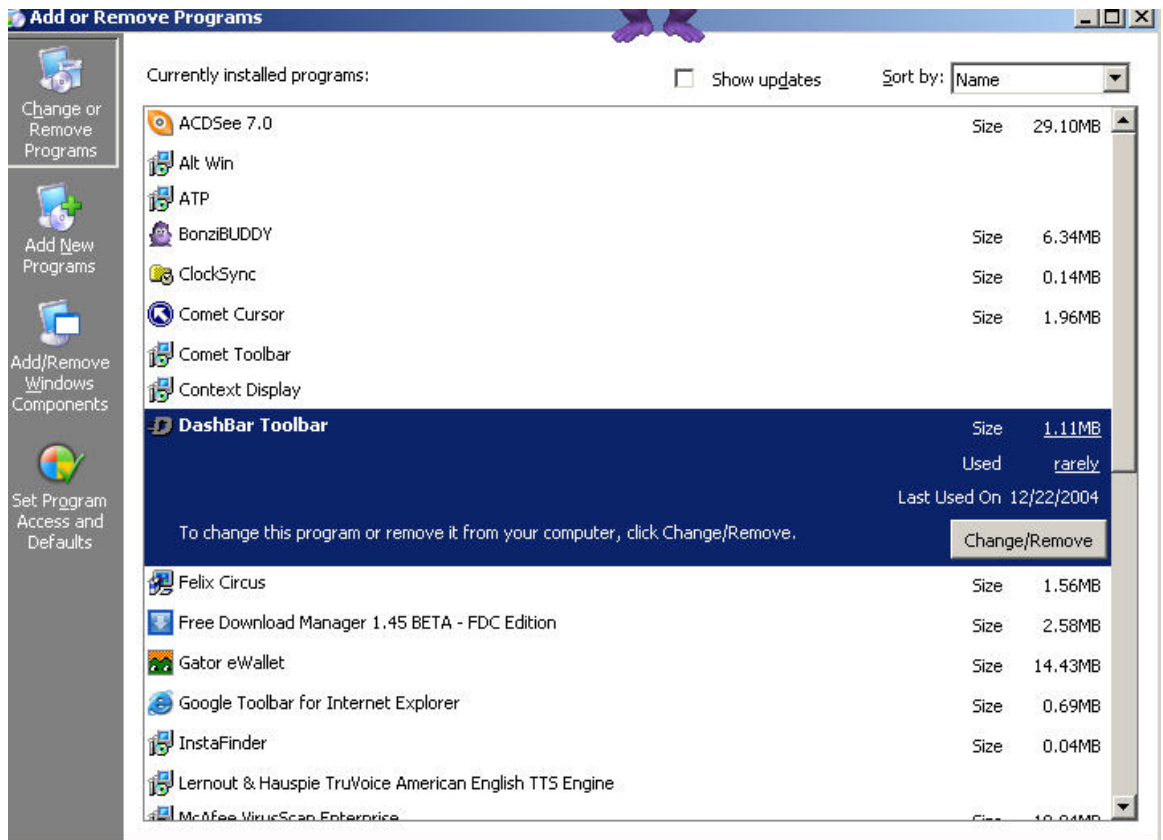
One toolbar positions itself at the bottom of the browser window.



As these toolbars are added to a computer system additional little extras can be added at the same time resulting in hijacked webpages (an example is changing your home page to something else), popups from nowhere, a slowing down of computer performance, and any number of registry entries that can be used to track your online habits and/or send other information about you and your computer to another person's computer.

Another simple way to see if you have ad-ware is to check your Add/Remove Programs list to see if there is software installed that you may not be aware of or do not recall installing.

To the right and below is a list of possible ad-ware programs that may be on a user's computer.



If you have identified ad-ware on your computer and/or have found unwanted programs and want to uninstall the software, you can do the following:

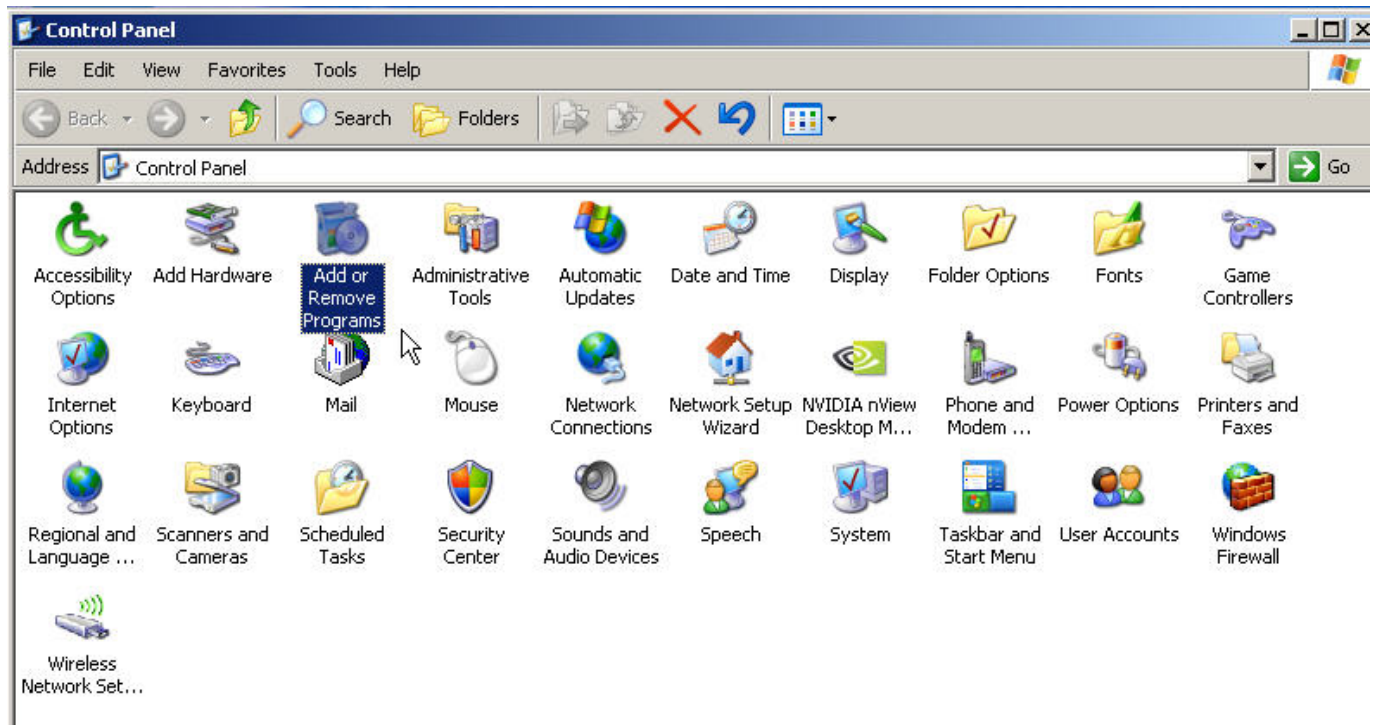
Go to the Start button:



Select Control Panel →



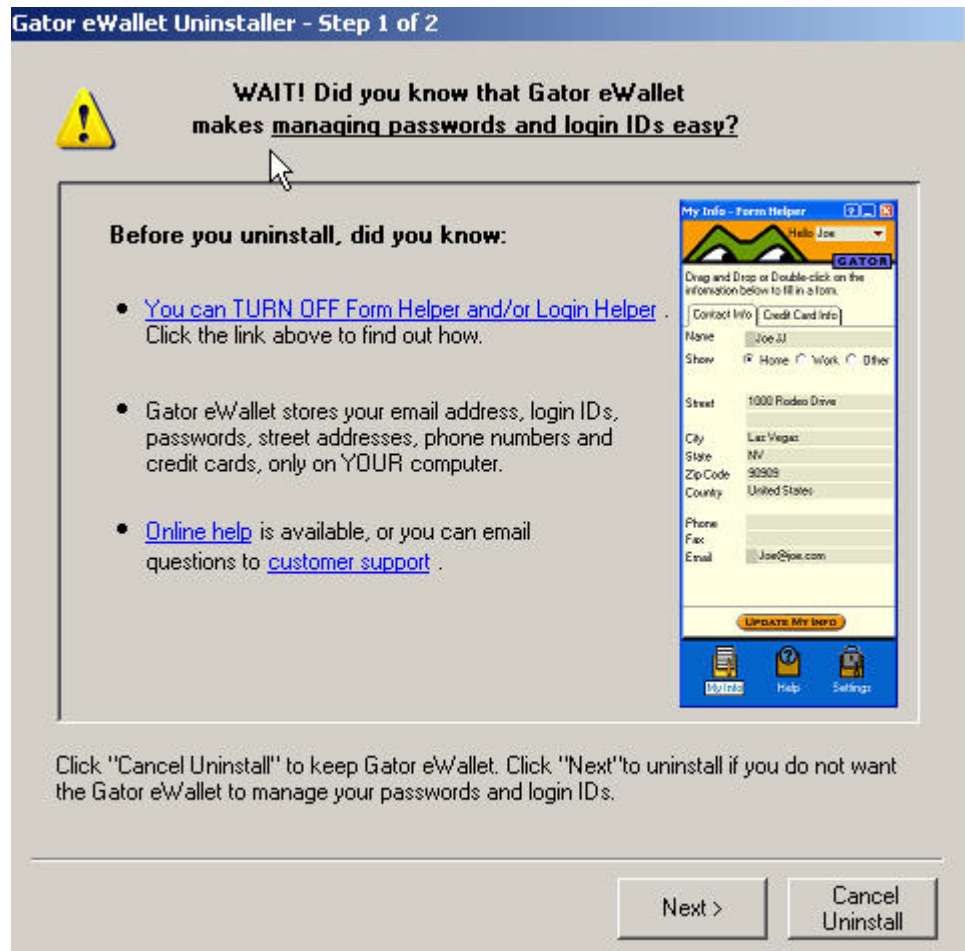
Double left click on the Add or remove Programs icon.



Select which program you would like to uninstall (highlight it) . I selected the Gator eWallet as this has been found on numerous computers. **Left-click** once on the Remove button.



The following window appears. Many companies will try to get you to second guess your decision to uninstall a particular product. Please be careful to choose to continue to uninstall the program. A click on the wrong button will keep the program on your computer.



Left click once on the Next button.

In this case the program has been uninstalled and this window appears.

All you would need to do now is click the Close button to finish the task.

In some instances, certain programs will say that you need to have an active Internet connection in order to continue the uninstall process. In this instance, the uninstall process did not require that diversion.

When you have finished uninstalling eGator run Spybot to check your computer for other adware or spyware.

