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Hello Everyone!

Lately I've been seeing loads of questions about Tracking cookies. These little files are picked up by many Anti-Spyware/Adware programs, including 'SuperANTISpyware'.

People are always asking "AM I INFECTED?" or "MALICIOUS FILES DETECTED BY SAS!!!!!!", and I would like to help out all those who have that question. Let's begin.

Why do anti spyware programs pick them up?

The reason they are detected as malicious files/malware is because as in the obvious, they are just cookies to monitor your surfing.

If they monitor me, aren't they dangerous?

In fact, they're not. Cookies, also known as Magic Cookies, are files your internet browser creates to save data. For example, when you click the option "Remember Password" on a website, a cookie is created.

Now, one big issue people talk about is whether they can infect you or not.

A cookie is a text file, there-for they cannot infect you. If you are worried about these, you can simply disable them in your browser settings. (
<https://www.google.ca/search?q=How+to+disable+cookies&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&ag=t&rls=org.mozilla:en-US:official&client=firefox-a>)

Now, I hope I've basically answered you. Here's a quick summary anyway.

Are Tracking Cookies Dangerous? = No

Are they Malware/Viruses? = No

How are they not dangerous? = They're only monitoring you

How are they not Malware/Viruses? = They're in .txt files, there for not able to infect you.

Why do Anti Spyware programs detect them as malware? = Because they track you

Can I disable them? = Yes.

Hope I helped you guys out!