

It was several years ago, as a poor student, I searched “free” software on the Internet very often because some applications were quite expensive. Therefore, I clicked every link I can find, opened any website I could open, and downloaded everything the website provided, and finally, a trouble came to me.

That day, I was surfing the net as usual but suddenly I was directed to the different colorful site. At first, I thought it was just an advertisement, so I closed the tab. But when I clicked the different link, the same page jumped out to my eyes. At that time, I started thinking if my computer got virus, so I opened antivirus software to scan my computer, trying to find if this problem came from something I downloaded a few days ago. The software did detect some malwares and removed them all after scanning, but the problem has not solved yet, the webpage would browse to the same page no matter how many links I clicked. So, I was thinking if it was something wrong with the browser. To prove this idea, I clicked the link with different browser, but the result showed the same. I was flustered when finding this problem was not as easy as I expected to solve. I did some search on the web, of course in different computer, many results told several possibilities. Compared to the situation I met, I concluded the most possible one, the DNS hijacking.

I opened DNS setting on that problematic computer, and there was something weird on DNS setting section. I removed all the existing setting and made it default, and everything went right! I guessed this problem was caused by a cracked software I had download from the third party, so I learned a lesson that never downloaded any software from untrusted website and scanned new downloaded software to prevent from getting malwares or virus again.

This is entirely my own work, except as disclosed in the documentation. I gave help to the following persons:

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