

## RE: Comparison of Yahoo v. MSN Messenger from security standpoint

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what about skype, is that safer compared to the others?

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-----Original Message-----

From: Eric [mailto:ericsecnews@comcast.net]

Sent: 24 April 2004 19:27

To: 'Murad Talukdar'; rhardstone@eudoramail.com;  
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Subject: RE: Comparison of Yahoo v. MSN Messenger from security standpoint

Principally speaking that would make sense. Speaking on track record, I think that there have been a lot more vulnerabilities for MSN Messenger than AIM or Yahoo. I would recommend using AIM, because you can also encrypt conversations over the wire (albeit weak encryption) for free if you go to [www.aimencrypt.com](http://www.aimencrypt.com).

I think that companies also develop private instant messaging software for corporate networks — like you can run your own messaging service that is closed within the workplace.

–Eric

-----Original Message-----

From: Murad Talukdar [mailto:talukdar\_m@subway.com]

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2004 10:44 PM

To: rhardstone@eudoramail.com; security-basics@securityfocus.com

Subject: Re: Comparison of Yahoo v. MSN Messenger from security standpoint

I could be wrong but as Windows has Messenger services integrated within it then wouldn't that make it more damaging if used as a source of attack? Even disabling certain messenger services within windows has caused probs on Xp machines in our office as it's all so tied up with other services.

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Murad Talukdar

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bill Hardstone" <rhardstone@eudoramail.com>

To: <security-basics@securityfocus.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 21, 2004 4:12 AM

Subject: Re: Comparison of Yahoo v. MSN Messenger from security standpoint

> *Hello All,*

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> *Can somebody out there in the community comment on preference of messenger service i.e. yahoo v. msn?*

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> *What are the design differences between the two? Which one would be relatively better from security perspective? As it well known that all messengers have certain vulnerabilities. However, I want to know which one would be have the lesser among the two.*

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> *Any comments would be appreciated.*

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> *Many thanks,*

> *Bill*

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