

Re: ZA3 and MSN Messenger

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> *In order to test it, I set the time for 1 minute, and waited a
> minute ... not touching a thing. Nothing happened. I tried several
> settings within ZA, and it didn't change the result.*

I did likewise with the same result. However, having been setting my status manually since this issue has arisen, I occasionally forget to switch to away when I leave. When I return, sometimes hours later, Messenger still hasn't switched to away.

> *came back, MSN Manager was set to Away mode. So, there may be something
> in ZA that is causing MSN to use its default timer setting regardless of
> what you set it to. Certainly, I have set it to *not* tell me when new
> mail arrives, yet I still get the popup window and sound when it does.
> I never considered this behaviour related to ZA, but it could be that ZA
> is blocking some traffic back to the server that allows MSN to transmit
> user settings ... though, I should think that all of these commands
> discussed here would be client side anyway.*

I also considered that often Microsoft software (as well as some third party software) will use Windows files to carry out some of their tasks. For example, I once decided to disable Task Scheduler and found that Norton System Check would not run as scheduled with Windows Task Scheduler disabled. However, I checked my programs list for anything I may have blocked from accessing the internet. Ironically, the only thing that I haven't approved is Zapro!!

I don't recall Zapro ever asking permission to access. Every other program my system has done so.

I also noticed that Privacy is set to "On" for Windows Explorer as well as Internet Explorer. I don't recall how I may have done this.

Could any of these settings be causing the problem?

"mhicaoidh" <mhic_aidh@NOSPAMhotmail.com> wrote in message news:Y84%8.97977\$Wt3.85228@rwcrcnsc53...

> *Taking a moment to reflect, Brian Davis then wrote:*

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> / *On my system, ZoneAlarm Pro 3 is not allowing MSN Messenger to*

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> | automatically switch to "Away" mode as per my settings. I have
> | checked and re-checked my settings and all appears as it should. As
> | it is now, the only way Messenger switches to away automatically is
> | to disable ZApr 3. Any ideas?
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> Dunno, there. I am running ZAPLus, and MSN goes into Away for me.
> Though, I've noticed that it takes longer than what I have the timer set
> for. In order to test it, I set the time for 1 minute, and waited a
> minute ... not touching a thing. Nothing happened. I tried several
> settings within ZA, and it didn't change the result. I then turned off
> the monitor, and watched the tele for about 20 minutes or so ... when I
> came back, MSN Msngr was set to Away mode. So, there may be something
> in ZA that is causing MSN to use its default timer setting regardless of
> what you set it to. Certainly, I have set it to *not* tell me when new
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