

Re: Warning about tracking software?

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Daisy wrote:

> *Pardon my naivete, but I got a pop-up window in IE that says:*
> *"Warning. Important Message!!! Microsoft Internet Explorer. You are*
> *seeing this message because we have detected that you have tracking*
> *software installed on your machine. ... click here for a free scanner*
> *..."*

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> *I suspect that this is fictitious and is just a way to get me to click*
> *on something that will download a virus or worm into my computer (I*
> *didn't like the three exclamation points after the "Important*
> *Message!!!", for example).*

First, kudos for not blindly clicking at everything that appears on-screen, and taking the time to ask.

If it's not a 'normal internet explorer window' then it is likely to be messenger service (not MSN messenger) spam.

I would suggest a product like outpost from www.agnitum.com (lotsa features, including web pop-up killers) or zonealarm from www.zonelabs.com.

Both have free versions, if your are a noob than zonealarm is a good choice.

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> *Now for my question. Since this appeared in a popup window and not a*
> *normal Internet Explorer window, is there a way that I can view the*
> *source for this pop-up window the way I can for a normal IE window?*
> *I'd just like to check where clicking is going to send me instead of*
> *actually clicking. Maybe I can eliminate ever getting popups from*
> *them again!?*

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> *Thanks,*
> *Daisy*

If it **is** messenger service spam, no, unless you do a netstat within seconds of receiving it.

Cheers,

E.