

Re: uPnP ... MSN Messenger

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- >*The only way i can get MSN Messenger audio to work via my Draytek 2600,*
- >*is to turn on uPNP services in WinXP*
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- >*AIUI, uPnP is not such a good idea to have switched on? Being on ADSL, i*
- >*have a fixed IP, if that is relevant to my concerns.*
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- >*I am firewalled up to the eyeballs, insofar as i have my hardware*
- >*firewall (aka NAT router) and also run software firewalls on the local*
- >*network machines.*
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- >*I use MSN Messenger a lot to communicate with family abroad, and not*
- >*having audio is a nuisance.*
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- >*Should i accept the situation, and have no audio, or could i*
- >*'cautiously' turn uPnP services on?*

Since you have a NAT router, the UPnP piece won't be exposed to the internet, and that's really the biggest concern. So, if enabling UPnP is necessary to solve this audio problem, then turn it on... As long as you don't forward any ports related to the UPnP service to this computer, nobody from the outside will be able to connect to your computer through the UPnP service.

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