

Re: Messenger Update

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In article <0a0101c39965\$7c89fb30\$a401280a@phx.gbl>, "marina" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>Someone know if a virus made a window with the following:
>Windows Messenger must be updated. I had to click Yes or
>No. Obviously I click No e the windows disappear, but
>eveytime I connecte Internet with Explorer this windows
>comes back.

Well, there's certainly an update that has needed to be applied to older versions, and older versions will be unable to connect, so it's possible that this message is coming from a bona fide source. But why risk it?

Open up Internet Explorer, or some other web browser if you feel that IE might have been compromised, and use it to download the latest version of Windows Messenger. In fact, while you're online, you might also make sure that you visit the Windows Update site and check that the rest of your system is up to date. Then visit a virus scanning service to check whether you're infected with anything.

<http://www.microsoft.com/protect> will provide links for the process of both patching and virus scanning. Windows Messenger can be updated from <http://www.microsoft.com/windows/messenger/default.asp> – that way, you'll know that you have the latest version, and you'll know that if the message is still there, it's a bogus one. If the message goes away, it's likely that it was genuine, and you needed to update Windows Messenger.

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