

Re: pop-down windows killer

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i could say that the messenger is OFF and 90% of popups are out however there are 2 windows with following addresses:

<http://z1.adserver.com/w/cp.x;rid=1;tid=2;ev=1;dt=3;ac=14;c=98;>

<http://205.180.85.40/w/pc.cgi?mid=38999&sid=17587>

still popup in the last 3 hours — does any one know what is the source and how to get rid oh these TWO

thanks

"Bruce Chambers" wrote:

- > *Greetings --*
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- > *There are at least three varieties of pop-ups, and the solutions*
- > *vary accordingly. Which specific type(s) is troubling you?*
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- > *1) Does the title bar of these pop-ups read "Messenger Service?"*
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- > *This type of spam has become quite common over the past year or*
- > *so, and unintentionally serves as a valid security "alert." It*
- > *demonstrates that you haven't been taking sufficient precautions while*
- > *connected to the Internet. Your data probably hasn't been compromised*
- > *by these specific advertisements, but if you're open to this exploit,*
- > *you most definitely open to other threats, such as the Blaster,*
- > *Welchia, and Sasser Worms that still haunt the Internet. Install and*
- > *use a decent, properly configured firewall. (Merely disabling the*
- > *messenger service, as some people recommend, only hides the symptom,*
- > *and does little or nothing to truly secure your machine.) And*
- > *ignoring or just "putting up with" the security gap represented by*
- > *these messages is particularly foolish.*
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- > *Messenger Service of Windows*
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;en-us;168893>
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- > *Messenger Service Window That Contains an Internet Advertisement*

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- > *Appears*
- > <http://support.microsoft.com/?id=330904>
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- > *Stopping Advertisements with Messenger Service Titles*
- > <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/howto/communicate/stopspam.asp>
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- > *Blocking Ads, Parasites, and Hijackers with a Hosts File*
- > <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/hosts.htm>
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- > *If you're using AOL, you'll either need to find a 3rd party*
- > *firewall that is compatible with AOL, or switch to a real ISP that is*
- > *compatible with the real Internet. This is because AOL is an on-line*
- > *content provider that ignores international Internetworking standards*
- > *in favor of its own proprietary products, and has deliberately made*
- > *its connection software incompatible with both WinXP's built-in*
- > *firewall and WinXP's Internet Connection Sharing feature. AOL's*
- > *proprietary connection applet is deliberately designed to preclude*
- > *your setting/adjusting any of its properties, to include*
- > *enabling/disabling WinXP's ICF and ICS.*
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- > *Whichever firewall you decide upon, be sure to ensure UDP ports*
- > *135, 137, and 138 and TCP ports 135, 139, and 445 are _all_ blocked.*
- > *You may also disable Inbound NetBIOS (NetBIOS over TCP/IP). You'll*
- > *have to follow the instructions from firewall's manufacturer for the*
- > *specific steps.*
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- > *You can test your firewall at:*
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- > *Symantec Security Check*
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- > http://security.symantec.com/ssc/vr_main.asp?langid=ie&venid=sym&plfid=23&pkj=GPVHGBYNCJEIMXOKCDT
- >
- > *Security Scan – Sygate Online Services*
- > <http://www.sygatetech.com/>
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- > *Oh, and be especially wary of people who advise you to do nothing*
- > *more than disable the messenger service. Disabling the messenger*
- > *service, by itself, is a "head in the sand" approach to computer*
- > *security. The real problem is _not_ the messenger service pop-ups;*
- > *they're actually providing a useful, if annoying, service by acting as*
- > *a security alert. The true problem is the unsecured computer, and*
- > *you've been advised to merely turn off the warnings. How is this*
- > *helpful?*
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- > *2) For regular Internet pop-ups, you might try the free 12Ghosts*
- > *Popup-killer from <http://12ghosts.com/ghosts/popup.htm>, Pop-Up Stopper*
- > *from <http://www.panicware.com/>, or the free Google Toolbar from*
- > *<http://toolbar.google.com/>, which is what I use.*
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- > *3) To deal with pop-ups caused by any sort of "adware" and/or*
- > *"spyware," such as Gator, Comet Cursors, Xupiter, Bonzai Buddy, or*

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- > *KaZaA, and their remnants, that you've deliberately (but without*
- > *understanding the consequences) installed, two products that are*
- > *quite effective (at finding and removing this type of scumware) are*
- > *Ad-Aware from www.lavasoft.de and SpyBot Search & Destroy from*
- > *www.safer-networking.org/. Both have free versions. It's even*
- > *possible to use SpyBot Search & Destroy to "immunize" your system*
- > *against most future intrusions. I use both and generally perform*
- > *manual scans every week or so to clean out cookies, etc.*
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- > *Bruce Chambers*
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- > *Help us help you:*
- > *<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>*
- > *<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>*
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- > *You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on*
- > *having both at once. – RAH*
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- > *"gmrade" <gmrade@email.com> wrote in message*
- > *news:ONVlk%23KWEHA.3944@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...*
- > > *What is the best killer of popup windows?*
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