

## Re: Benedict.Nirmal@hotmail.com

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Squirrel wrote:

> *Someone with the e-mail address Benedict.nirmal@hotmail.com keeps appearing on my MSN messenger. I have tried to block and remove this contact, it keep re appearing. When I went to remove MSN messenger, it worked but each time I boot up, it tries to reload. Does anyone know who this is (virus, etc) and how to get rid of it?*

The simple thing to do, is if you don't want MSN then just disable it in the registry.

Step 1) To Disable Messenger MSN from running go to the start menu and select RUN. In the window that appears type regedit (see example below)

Step 2) The Registry editor will now have opened. Navigate to the following Key:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\Software\Policies\Microsoft

Now create a new key by selecting Edit from the main menu bar. Now select New then Key.

Name this new Key: Messenger

Step 3) Now select the newly created Messenger Key and create another new Key. Only this time we are going to name it: Client (The key should look like the example below...)

Step 4) Next we have to create a DWORD value. So Right Click the new Client Key and select New then DWORD.

Name the DWORD PreventRun

Step 5) Now we need to give it a Data Value of 1

Step 6) Now restart Windows XP and you will have successfully Disabled Messenger MSN

**IMPORTANT:** This procedure contains information about modifying the registry. Before you modify the registry, make sure to back it up and

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make sure that you understand how to restore the registry if a problem occurs. For information about how to back up, restore, and edit the registry, click the following article numbers to view the Microsoft Knowledge Base articles:

256986 – Description of the Microsoft Windows Registry

322756 – HOW TO: Back Up, Edit, and Restore the Registry in Windows XP.