

Re: "Messenger Service" Pop Ups

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Not good enough, I'm afraid. You're merely camouflaging the symptom rather than solving the problem. The better option is to install a good firewall to block open ports from the Internet –

'Messenger spam', is not in itself harmful, but is symptomatic of a larger problem – your computer has ports open from the Internet.

You can disable the Messenger service, but that is unwise as a solution as you'll still have the underlying problem that caused you to get the messages in the first place – consider the messages a useful warning that you have no protection from the Internet.

For a standalone machine, see www.sygate.com for a free personal firewall.

See <http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm> for more info.

Mark Daly wrote:

- > *If you are referring to the Microsoft Messenger Service pop-up then*
- > *you could disable it under services. There have been a few folks*
- > *that have been sending spam like messages to this service. On a few*
- > *computers here, we just disabled the service.*
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- > *MLD*
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- > *"ebonyisland" <ebonyisland@yahoo.com> wrote in message*
- > *news:015e01c35f90\$24538ad0\$a601280a@phx.gbl...*
- >> *Since I have installed Windows XP, I have recieved*
- >> *CONSTANT "Messenger Service" Pop ups. They make it*
- >> *difficult to enjoy games or other programs. Does anyone*
- >> *know how to block them without purchasing something, as*
- >> *many of the pop ups suggest?*