

## Re: "Messenger Service" Pop Up

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No but its not a criticl service. I say just disable it anyway unless you are ABSOLUTELY sure you need it. Run a minimum setup , those services you only use now and then like maybe "Print spooler" for acrobat or that or "machine debug manager" (thats a nasty buggly one to watch for attacking) for Visual studio.

Simplicity is best

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Duncan McNutt  
Microsoft Product Deactivation Team

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"Lanwench [MVP - Exchange]"  
<lanwench@heybuddy.donotsendme.unsolicitedmail.atyahoo.com> wrote in message news:OXEPURZZDHA.1492@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...  
> You're absolutely right, but disabling the messenger service isn't the  
> solution to this particular problem, and advising people to do so is  
> misleading as it will be a quick fix but leave the underlying security  
hole  
> wide open.  
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> Duncan McNutt wrote:  
> > Ofcourse run a firewall but you dont NEED the messenger service to  
> > live on the desktop.  
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> > Duncan McNutt  
> > Microsoft Product Deactivation Team  
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> > "Lanwench [MVP - Exchange]"  
> > <lanwench@heybuddy.donotsendme.unsolicitedmail.atyahoo.com> wrote in  
> > message news:uFWrBDZZDHA.1492@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...  
> >> That isn't the point - you can disable the messenger service if you  
> >> like, but you ALSO need a firewall - otherwise you've just banded  
> >> the  
> >> problem -  
> >> taken the batteries out of the smoke detector, as it were...  
> >> especially right now, having no firewall is asking for trouble.  
> >>  
> >> You need a firewall. 'Messenger spam', is not in itself harmful,  
> >> but is symptomatic of a larger problem - your computer has ports  
> >> open from the Internet.  
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> >> 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. You
> >> need a firewall. 'Messenger spam', is not in itself harmful, but is
> >> symptomatic of a larger problem - your computer has ports open from
> >> the Internet.
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> >> For a standalone machine, see www.sygate.com for a free personal
> >> firewall, or if using Windows XP, you can enable the built-in
> >> internet connection firewall (ICF).
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> >> See http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm for more info.
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> >> Duncan McNutt wrote:
> >>> If an admin wants to talk to me, walk over and talk to me, email me,
> >>> phone me, IM me. Not pop up message boxes.
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> >>> Duncan McNutt
> >>> Microsoft Product Deactivation Team
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> >>> "Duncan McNutt" <mutmaster@127.0.0.22> wrote in message
> >>> news:erTUMiYZDHA.736@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
> >>>> IF an application wants to communicate with me, use a dialogbox or
> >>>> event log.
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> >>>> --
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> >>>> Duncan McNutt
> >>>> Microsoft Product Deactivation Team
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> >>>> "|{evin" <You@dont.need> wrote in message
> >>>> news:mbj1kv412dl1337c01ooj5j4613bpgopj3e@4ax.com...
> >>>>> On Mon, 18 Aug 2003 13:22:46 +0200, "Duncan McNutt"
> >>>>> <mutmaster@127.0.0.22> wrote:
> >>>>>
> >>>>>> start->run..
> >>>>>> services.msc [ENTER]
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> Find "Messenger" service,
> >>>>>> right click
> >>>>>> select properties
> >>>>>> select STOP
> >>>>>> Set startup to "DISABLED"
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> >>>>>> --
> >>>>>>
> >>>>>> Duncan McNutt
> >>>>>> Microsoft Product Deactivation Team
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> >>>>>> Which accomplish the same thing as closing your eyes, plugging
> >>>>>> your ears and going 'na na na I can't hear you'.
> >>>>>>
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> >>>> Get a firewall.  
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