

## Re: www.winupdate.net

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Hi – 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.

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. This is all too important now, given the recent rash of RPC worms....

For a standalone machine, see [www.sygate.com](http://www.sygate.com) for a free personal firewall, or if using Windows XP, you can enable the built-in internet connection firewall (ICF).

See <http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm> for more info. Also, <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/nopopups.htm> is a good resource – although for browser popups, you might want to consider <http://toolbar.google.com> – it works like a champ and is also handy for searching.

lyndsmar@bellsouth.net wrote:

- > *I receive this in pop ups by messenger service? I don't think this is*
- > *legitimate of Microsoft, but please let me know. Can I disable these*
- > *types of pop ups? Thanks so much!!*
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- > *Lynnie*