

Re: MSN

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Okay Matt so perhaps I was being a little lazy in posting the link instead of posting an answer...busted!

If you wish to block MSN messenger from successfully connecting to the messenger service do the following on your network firewall:

- 1) Block outbound access to TCP port 1863
- 2) Block HTTP access to messenger.hotmail.com

This will stop the initial access to the service and therefore block the application and all it's other communications.

HTH

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"Matt Gibson" <mattg@blueedgetech.ca> wrote in message news:OQrwyEMKFHA.2764@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...

> Bigbruva,

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> *While that's a good article, this paragraph explains why blocking IM from this at a port level is basically impossible.*

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> *Instant Messaging and Presence*

> *In general, there are no issues with IM and presence affecting communication through a firewall or NAT device. If the Windows XP client can create and maintain a connection to the server, other IM and presence communication can follow this same path. For example, Microsoft Exchange IM transports its Presence and IM messages using hypertext transfer protocol (HTTP) and has mechanisms to insure that these messages can traverse firewall and NAT devices. These mechanisms include polling to maintain a TCP connection to the server for two-way communication and setting aside a fixed port for callback delivery.*

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> *Matt Gibson – GSEC*

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> *"Bigbruva" <Richardh@dontusetthis.ws> wrote in message*

microsoft.public.security: Re: MSN

> news:%231AeZAMKFHA.3928@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
>> *If you are talking about "MSN Messenger" application, look at the
>> following URL. This lists all the posts used by this application for
>> sharing messages, files and applications.
>> <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxppro/deploy/natfw.msp>
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