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Sinuously wrote:

> I run Windows 2000 Professional. I just got some advertising spam  
> through the "messenger service" popup, and though I do believe that I  
> can stop this sort of thing by disabling messenger service via the  
> services menu, I am concerned -- because the spam was received even  
> though "client for microsoft networking" is disabled on my outward  
> facing network adapter.  
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> 1.) Previously, I had thought (perhaps incorrectly) that disabling  
> microsoft networking would prevent such intrusions. A lot of posted  
> advice regarding this sort of spam mentions disabling networking as a  
> possible precaution -- but if so, how could I possibly get this spam?  
> Is messenger service listening on the port directly?  
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> 2.) Also, I have disabled, but not completely removed the client for  
> microsoft networking component, and the same for the file sharing  
> component. This is because I have an inward facing network adapter  
> for file sharing on my internal network. But as I said before, both  
> file sharing and net client ARE DISABLED on the outward facing  
> adapter. Polyana says that receiving information in the form of spam  
> does not necessarily imply that sensitive information will flow out by  
> the same route. So how seriously should I worry about my system being  
> exposed to intruders vis-a-vis the client for networking, or the file  
> sharing component, when they are in fact disabled?

Hi

To stop this, you need to disabling the messenger service (or remove the TPC/IP protocol from your computer ;-). And sensitive information will not flow out by the same route as Polyana says.

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