

Re: Messenger Service

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What else is accessible on that server from the internet?

What other ports do you have open?

Why do you have them open?

What do you use them for?

Messenger service popups are a symptom of holes, of vulnerabilities.

What other holes and vulnerabilities do you have?

Can you drill down into the nic card properties, under WINS and click on "disable netbios over tcp/ip"?

John wrote:

- > *One of our Windows 2000 servers which is accessible on the*
- > *Internet, keeps on getting "Messenger" popup messages. To*
- > *this point they seem to be harmless but it can be*
- > *irritating when there are dozens of popup messages. How*
- > *do we block this "Messenger" popup messages? Can we*
- > *disable the "Messenger Service"? What are the implications?*
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- > *Thanks.*