

## Re: Messenger Service

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Does the window title say anything about Messenger? If so, 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.

William C. wrote:

- > *Some of my Win2k server & WinNT server sometime pop-up with a*
- > *"Messenger Service" with the detail,*
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- > *"Message from EvidenceX.com to ..... on 15/11/03 11:24PM.*
- > *You are being watched... how about your Boss? Do you surf the*
- > *internet and email at work? Your work PC will be full of evidence.*
- > *Destroy your evidence and save you and your family! Go to*
- > *EvidenceX.com and get free download."*
- >
- > *What is it all about? Is the machine being hacked?*