

Re: Messenger Service Pop-up Dialogs

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UnderAttack? wrote:

- > *I keep seeing the following dialog pop up on my screen:*
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- > *Messenger Service*
- > *Message from WINDOWS to ALERT on 6/15/2005 9:37:42 AM*
- > *STOP! WINDOWS REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.*
- > *Windows has found Critical System Errors.*
- > *To fix the errors please do the following:*
- > *1. Download Repair Registry Pro from: www.regprofix.com*
- > *2. Install Repair Registry Pro*
- > *3. Run Repair Registry Pro*
- > *4. Reboot your computer*
- > *FAILURE TO ACT NOW MAY LEAD TO SYSTEM FAILURE!*
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- > *However, I can find no reference to regprofix.com with a Google search.*
- > *Other similar dialogs appear directing me to www.updatepatch.info,*
- > *e-regpatch.com and SwipeSpy.com for repair utilities. However, I can find no*
- > *reference to any of those sites on Google! Regprofix.com indicates no*
- > *affiliation with Microsoft.*
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- > *I'm concerned that this is a deceptive internet attack of some sort. What*
- > *should I do? Can anyone offer a suggestion? Asking good ole Microsoft costs*
- > *\$100 up front.*
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It's a scam, plain and simple. It's from a very unscrupulous "business." They're trying to sell you patches that Microsoft provides free-of-charge, and using a very intrusive means of advertising. It's also demonstrating that your PC is very unsecured.

This type of spam has become quite common over the past couple of years, and unintentionally serves as a valid security "alert." It demonstrates that you haven't been taking sufficient precautions while connected to the Internet. Your data probably hasn't been compromised by these specific advertisements, but if you're open to this exploit, you most definitely open to other threats, such as the Blaster, Welchia, and Sasser Worms that still haunt the Internet. Install and use a decent, p