

Re: spam popup messages

Source:

http://www.derkeiler.com/Newsgroups/microsoft.public.windowsxp.security_admin/2003-03/5008.html

From: Bruce Chambers (bchambers@nospam.cableone.net)

Date: 03/31/03

From: "Bruce Chambers" <bchambers@nospam.cableone.net>

Date: Sun, 30 Mar 2003 16:39:07 -0700

Greetings --

There is a type of spam that has become quite common over the past few months, 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 may well be open to other threats. Install and use a decent, properly configured firewall. (Disabling the messenger service, as some people recommend, only hides the symptom, and does nothing to secure your machine.) And ignoring these messages is particularly foolish.

Messenger Service of Windows

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;en-us;168893>

Messenger Service Window That Contains an Internet Advertisement Appears

<http://support.microsoft.com/?id=330904>

Bruce Chambers

Help us help you:

<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on having both at once. -- RAH

"John" <jttabrah@tesco.net> wrote in message
news:02be01c2f705\$2b64aaf0\$3301280a@phx.gbl...

> WE keep getting a popup message and have no idea where it
> came from or how to get rid of it. Help please