

## Re: Messenger

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Greetings ---

This type of spam 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 or just "putting up with" these messages and the problem they represent 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>

Additionally:

Blocking Ads, Parasites, and Hijackers with a Hosts File

<http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/hosts.htm>

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Help us help you:

<http://dts-1.org/goodpost.htm>

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

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

"John P" <Jacko55555@msn.com> wrote in message  
news:023201c33053\$4d0ef2f0\$a501280a@phx.gbl...

> I do not use Messenger and I keep getting pop ups  
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> Example Messageblocker.com and many others.  
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> I followed the directions to BLOCK ALL and I still got  
> messages. So I uninstall messenger completely. Now I get  
> an error (messenger not loaded, but I understand the  
> error, I uninstalled it) BUT I STILL GET MESSENGES.  
>  
> I HATE thing that pop up I don't want or did't ask for.  
>  
> John