

Re: too many popups on my computer

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Greetings --

I do wish you would stop posting potentially harmful advice. Disabling the messenger service is a "head in the sand" approach to computer security.

The real problem is not the messenger service pop-ups; they're actually providing a useful service by acting as a security alert. The true problem is the unsecured computer, and you're only advice, however well-intended, was to turn off the warnings. How is this helpful?

Equivalent Scenario 1: Somewhere in a house, a small fire starts, and sets off the smoke alarm. The home-owner, not immediately seeing any fire/smoke, complains about the noise of the smoke detector, so you tell him to remove the smoke detector's battery and go back to sleep, or whatever else he was doing.

Equivalent Scenario 2: You over-exert your shoulder at work or play, causing bursitis. After weeks of annoying and sometimes excruciating pain whenever you try to reach over your head, you go to a doctor and say, while demonstrating the motion, "Doc, it hurts when I do this." The doctor, being as helpful as you are, replies, "Well, don't do that."

The only true way to secure the PC is to **properly** configure the firewall; just installing one and letting it's default settings handle things is no good. Unfortunately, this does require one to learn a little bit more about using a computer than used to be necessary.

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"Waitak Shiu" <shiuwaitak@aol.com> wrote in message
news:043101c34812\$22598850\$a501280a@phx.gbl...

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> These monograme pop-ups target XP which carries the
> messenger function that MS claims to be the biggest
> improvement. Simply disable the 'Messenger' function.
> Control Panel>Performance Maintenance>Administrative
> Tools>Services>Messenger (change Startup Type from Auto
> to Disable). Good Luck.
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