

Re: "Windows Messenger" pop ups.. UGH!

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On Tue, 29 Jul 2003 20:21:28 -0600, "Jupiter Jones [MVP]"
<jones_jupiter@hotmail.com> wrote:

>Kevin;

>I put that phrase in because many do use Messenger Service.

>Messenger Service is used a lot in corporate environments and is

>growing in popularity in home networks.

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>Some people seem to think the only purpose of Messenger Service is to

>let these ads through.

>The fact that it is a useful utility proves that is not the case.

I have never seen any home users have much use for it. Can you give an example of the usefulness of it for many home users? Very few home users are going to have any network setup for or real use for stuff like printer notification messages. I realize that there is some free 3rd party client software that allows one to chat across the LAN using the Messenger Service but that's about it. Certainly the built in "Net Send" command is an awful substitute for chatting. If the home user is into chatting that much they probably are using other chat clients like MS Messenger, AOL, Jabber-based, Trillian or one of the other multitudes of Internet chat clients, they would be almost as well or better off using one of them and turning off the messenger service. Admittedly, a downside (the only real one I can think of) would be the security end of things.

I feel my previous statement indicated that it was not in the context of corporate use. I would never recommend anyone turn it off in a corporate setting if it was actually being used. And I also would never recommend anyone install a personal firewall on their own in a corporate environment without the expressed written consent of the IT dept. Which in the vast majority of cases is not going to happen. Doing it yourself without written approval can potentially get you into big trouble. The best you could probably hope for is to ask for them to come install one for you on your system or to block traffic on those ports on their corporate border routers/firewalls (which they

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should be doing anyways).

What could possibly go wrong?