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Kevin;

I myself use it once in a while at home.

The kids do not have any IM use and my wife uses the same IM application as me.

Also, the message goes to the computer regardless of which profile is active or if IM is in use or not.

I know a few that use it extensively, they have several computers scattered around the home.

Used mostly for messages and not for chatting.

The use is growing ironically partially I think because of these ads. People find out about it and decide to use it once they have controlled it.

If I did not put that or a similar statement, many would continue to assume Messenger Service is there solely to send ads to their computer with Microsoft's blessing.

And that is absolutely false.

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Jupiter Jones [MVP]

An easier way to read newsgroup messages:

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/newsgroups/setup.asp>

<http://dts-l.org/index.html>

"Kevin Davis³" <zkevindavisz@cfl.rr.com> wrote in message news:snrgivofv1c714517a7d5ap9oh13qml1e6@4ax.com...

> 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

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> 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.
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> I feel my previous statement indicated that it was not in the
context
> of coporate 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
> coporate 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
> should be doing anyways).
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> What could possibly go wrong?