

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

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On Wed, 30 Jul 2003 19:42:13 -0600, "Jupiter Jones [MVP]"  
<jones\_jupiter@hotmail.com> wrote:

>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.  
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>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.  
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Maybe some people you know have adopted it. I personally know of absolutely no one (aside from you) who uses this service outside of a corporate environment. I still remain extremely skeptical that "many use 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.

You are right, it is false. However, I still feel that implying that many home users actually know about this service and use it is misleading. I would contend many more home users are ignorant about this service and don't use it and even if they did know much about would still have no use for it.

If you feel compelled to set the record straight about the Messenger Service not being there solely as some kind of MS approved ad machine,

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I feel it would be more accurate just to state what it does and what it is typically used for in the corporate environment (and has been for years before XP came out).

It's also fine just to explain what it does and say if you can definitely see that you personally could really use this, then leave it on. Otherwise turn it off.

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