

Re: Pop up Messages

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Greetings ---

Please stop posting potentially harmful advice. What are you, a hacker-wannabe? Why else would you be deliberately posting bad advice? Are you trying to give people a false sense of security by having them turn off what are, in effect, valid security warnings, while still leaving their PCs open to potential exploitation?

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: 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, short of disconnecting it from the Internet, is to install and **properly** configure a 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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Help us help you:

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

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

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

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"Ryan" <securitron101@hotmail.com> wrote in message
news:0bef01c3621b\$789f2300\$a101280a@phx.gbl...
> Not nessesarily, you can go to:
> start -> run -> type "cmd" and at the command prompt
> type "net stop messenger"
>
> or! to completely get rid of messenger popups, go to my
> computer -> control panel -> administrative options ->
> services .. find messenger , right click and choose stop,
> then right click and choose disable
>
>
> >-----Original Message-----
> >You need a firewall. 'Messenger spam', is not in itself
> harmful,
> >but is symptomatic of a larger problem - your computer
> has ports open from
> >the Internet.
> >
> >You can disable the Messenger service, but that is unwise
> as a solution as
> >you'll still have the underlying problem that caused you
> to get the messages
> >in the first place - consider the messages a useful
> warning that you have no
> >protection from the Internet. People who advise you to
> merely disable the
> >messenger service are misinformed at best.
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> >For a standalone machine, see www.sygate.com for a free
> personal firewall.
> >
> >See <http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm> for more info.
> >
> >pktimmy wrote:
> >> Please,
> >> How can I turn off access to my computer from those
> >> annoying pop-up ads that will suddenly appear on the
> >> desktop?
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