

Re: Unwanted popups!

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Actually, that isn't necessary, as the true answer is that the OP needs 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 merely to disable the messenger service are misinformed, at best.

For a standalone machine, see www.sygate.com for a free personal firewall.

See <http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm> for more info.

Vince C. wrote:

> *You should also disable NetBIOS over TCP/IP on the network card that
> you use to connect to the Internet (provided you have distinct ones
> for the Internet and the LAN). Just disabling messenger services
> won't prevent you from being vulnerable if you still have NetBIOS
> enabled on the Internet.*

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> *Go to Start menu > Parameters > Network connections and remote
> access. Right click on "Local Network connection" and select
> "Properties". Double click "Internet Protocol (TCP/IP). Click
> "Advanced" button and go to WINS tab. Select "Disable NetBIOS over
> TCP/IP". Close by pressing OK all the way back.*

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> *The above procedure applies *only* if you have DSL or a cable modem,
> i.e. if you *don't* connect to the Internet through a modem.*

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> *If you dial-up to an Internet Service Provider, the procedure is
> somewhat different. Post back if you are not sure, we'll try to check
> it out.*

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> *Hope this helps,*
> *Vince C.*
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> *"W R Ward" <vladmier@earthlink.net> a écrit dans le message de*
> *news:068901c3159f\$87e040b0\$a001280a@phx.gbl...*
>> *I cannot believe that you people implimented a popup*
>> *feature that only a third party company can resolve!!*
>> *Read this as follows:*
>> *Congratulations, you've been hit by the newest form of*
>> *unwanted advertising, or spam. This message was sent to*
>> *your computer through a built in feature that Microsoft*
>> *included in your copy of Windows 2000, NT, or XP. These*
>> *types of spam messages are worse than unwanted e-mail since*
>> *you don't even need to have an e-mail account or web*
>> *browser. If you are one of the millions of people who get*
>> *unwanted messages like these everyday, there is hope.*
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>> *What kind of non-sense is this? I hope YOU have a fix for*
>> *one of your own annoying popup features if, in fact what*
>> *this commpany says is true!*
>> *www.stopmessenger.com!!*
>> *Please look into his!!*