

Re: Possilbe Virus with Microsoft Messenger

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In article <001f01c39523\$dd071a10\$a601280a@phx.gbl>, "Darren"

<anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>I have two virus' that hit my computer. I thought they
>were blocked, but I'm not sure. When I sign on to AOL, I
>get a "Windows Messenger" pop up. It states "A newer
>version is available. You must install the newer version
>in order to continue. Would you like to do this now?"

Have you considered that perhaps this is Windows Messenger, telling you that there's a newer version of it that you need to install?

Many systems automatically run Windows Messenger, and there are options in several Microsoft programs to interface with Windows Messenger and use it while you're online – Outlook, Outlook Express, Internet Explorer, etc.

Go to the Windows Messenger site,

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows/messenger>, and install the newest version.

IIRC, Microsoft recently expired an older version of Windows Messenger, and forbade it from communicating with the central Messenger servers. Can't find reference to it for the moment, but I would definitely advise upgrading Windows Messenger. Just in case it's a virus, of course, you should use the URL I typed above, rather than just clicking "Yes".

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