

Re: Pop Ups

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Thanks for the information...

My guess is that the pop ups are of either the second or third variety you listed...I don't know how to tell the difference. Either way somehow when I use the short cuts to get to Windows Explorer it initiates my IE browser to web sites I just don't have any interest in seeing. I've been contemplating just re-formatting the hard drive and reinstalling software...but that can be a pain.

Again thanks and I'll try some of your suggestions before I go through and dismantle my system.

Jay Thomas

>-----Original Message-----

>Greetings --

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> *There are at least three varieties of pop-ups, and the solutions*

> *vary accordingly. Which specific type(s) is troubling you?*

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> *1) Does the title bar of these pop-ups*

> *read "Messenger Service?"*

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> *This type of spam has become quite common over the past year, and*

> *unintentionally serves as a valid security "alert." It demonstrates*

> *that you haven't been taking sufficient precautions while connected to*

>*the Internet. Your data probably hasn't been compromised*
by these
>*specific advertisements, but if you're open to this*
exploit, you may
>*well be open to other threats, such as the Blaster Worm*
that recently
>*swept cross the Internet. Install and use a decent,*
properly
>*configured firewall. (Merely disabling the messenger*
service, as some
>*people recommend, only hides the symptom, and does almost*
nothing to
>*truly secure your machine.) And ignoring or*
just "putting up with"
>*the security gap represented by these messages is*
particularly
>*foolish.*
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>*Messenger Service of Windows*
>[http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB:en-
us;168893](http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB:en-us;168893)
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