

Re: Messenger service pop-ups

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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. This is all too important now, given the recent rash of RPC worms....

For a standalone machine, see www.sygate.com for a free personal firewall, or if using Windows XP, you can enable the built-in internet connection firewall (ICF).

See <http://securityadmin.info/faq.htm> for more info. Also, <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/nopopups.htm> is a good resource – although for browser popups, you might want to consider <http://toolbar.google.com> – it works like a champ and is also handy for searching.

Debs wrote:

- > *Can anyone help me*
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- > *In the last few days I have been receiving increasing*
- > *amount of spam pop-ups in the form of grey boxes with an*
- > *OK button at the bottom. At the top of the page is*
- > *Messenger Service.*
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- > *These are not sites I have visited – can anyone help me*
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- > *Regards*