

## Re: pop ups

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Thanks for you help! I followed your instructions and made sure the Messenger was Disabled, then I loaded the Spybot 1.3, but I am still getting the following pop up ads: AOL 9.0, Net Zero, and Jimmy Spam. Do I just have to live with these ads as I am an AOL user with MSN as my browser? Thanks!

>-----*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 several*

>*months, 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*

>*little or 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>

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> *Messenger Service Window That Contains an Internet Advertisement*

> *Appears*

> <http://support.microsoft.com/?id=330904>

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> *Stopping Advertisements with Messenger Service Titles*

> <http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/howto/communicate/stopspam.asp>

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> *Blocking Ads, Parasites, and Hijackers with a Hosts File*

> <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/hosts.htm>

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> *Oh, and be especially wary of people who advise you to do nothing*

> *more than disable the messenger service. Disabling the messenger*

> *service, by itself, 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, if annoying, service by acting as*

> *a security alert. The true problem is the unsecured computer, and*

> *you've been advised to merely turn off the warnings.*

How is this

> *helpful?*

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> *2) For regular Internet pop-ups, you might try the free 12Ghosts*

> *Popup-killer from <http://12ghosts.com/ghosts/popup.htm>, Pop-Up Stopper*

> *from <http://www.panicware.com/>, or the Google Toolbar from*

> <http://toolbar.google.com/>, which is what I use.

Alternatively, you

> *could download, install, and use a different Internet browser, such as*

> *Firefox (<http://www.mozilla.org/products/firefox/>), that has some*

> *built-in pop-up blocking capabilities.*

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- > 3) To deal with pop-ups caused by any sort of "adware" and/or
- > "spyware," such as Gator, Comet Cursors, Xupiter, Bonzai Buddy, or
- > KaZaA, and their remnants, that you've deliberately (but without
- > understanding the consequences) installed, two products that are
- > quite effective (at finding and removing this type of scumware) are
- > Ad-Aware from [www.lavasoft.de](http://www.lavasoft.de) and SpyBot Search & Destroy from
- > [www.safer-networking.org/](http://www.safer-networking.org/). Both have free versions.
- It's even
- > possible to use SpyBot Search & Destroy to "immunize" your system
- > against most future intrusions. I use both and generally perform
- > manual scans every week or so to clean out cookies, etc.
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- > More information and assistance is available at these sites:
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- > *The Parasite Fight*
- > <http://www.aumha.org/a/parasite.htm>
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- > *PC Hell Spyware and Adware Removal Help*
- > <http://www.pchell.com/support/spyware.shtml>
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- > *Bruce Chambers*
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- > *Help us help you:*
- > <http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>
- > <http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>
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- > *You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don't ever count on*
- > *having both at once. – RAH*
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- > "sniz" <[anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com](mailto:anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com)> wrote in message
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- >> *all of a sudden I am getting annoying pop ups when I use*
- >> *my MSN browser. How can I prevent them?*
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