

## Re: pop ups when i start Internet explorer

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Bruce Chambers Wrote:

- > *harry wrote:–*
- > **HELP !!!!**
- > *I've tried everything. when i start IE then 2 pop ups appear even if i*
- > *have*
- > *pop up killer and ad aware and spy bot and i cannot find how to erase*
- > *them–*
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- > *What specific kind of pop–ups are you seeing? There are at least*
- > *three varieties of pop–ups, and the solutions vary accordingly.*
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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 couple of*
- > *years, 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*
- > *swept across the Internet last year and the currently active Sasser*
- > *Worm. 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://tinyurl.com/3kozl>
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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://tinyurl.com/6msv>

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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/>. Alternatively, you can upgrade your WinXP*
- > *to SP2, to install IE's pop-up blocker. Another alternative would be*
- > *to use another browser, such as Mozilla or Firefox, which has pop-up*
- > *blocking capabilities. (But I'd avoid Netscape; it carries too much*
- > *extraneous AOL garbage.)*
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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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- > *Additionally, manual removal instructions for the most common*
- > *varieties of scumware are available [here](http://www.pchell.com/support/spyware.shtml)*
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- > *PC Hell Spyware and Adware Removal Help*
- > <http://www.pchell.com/support/spyware.shtml>
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- > *More information and assistance is available at these sites:*
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- > *Blocking Ads, Parasites, and Hijackers with a Hosts File*
- > <http://www.mvps.org/winhelp2002/hosts.htm>
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- > *The Parasite Fight*
- > <http://www.aumha.org/a/parasite.htm>
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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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Hey,

not sure if you had gotten that fixed. Nor did I read all the fix threads.

but have you every heard of Hijackers? They hijack your browser.

go to downloads.com and download a program called Hijackthis!

and run it; you will see programs that control your browser

and looks like they control popups when you run IE.

hope that helps

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