

## Re: Winchat

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Not sure why WinChat would fail on your system...

As you seem more concerned about keeping traffic internal than encryption, have you considered creating a rule that prevents outgoing traffic on the port used by whatever chat client you go with? If nothing else, that would keep the traffic internal and allow users to communicate on the LAN.

Of course, this assumes that your network is behind a configurable firewall, but that seems a safe assumption.

"Greg Stigers, MCSA" <[gregstigers+wmsn@spamcop.net](mailto:gregstigers+wmsn@spamcop.net)> wrote in message news:%23%237L8PXXFFHA.2176@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl...

> "Carey Frisch [MVP]" <[cnfrisch@nospamgmail.com](mailto:cnfrisch@nospamgmail.com)>:

>> *Use Windows Messenger.*

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> *Our issues with Messenger are that it is neither internal nor secure from sniffing outside our network. We run Exchange 2003, so no Exchange IM, and are unlikely to get Live! Communication Server any time soon. I realize that there are products to encrypt Messenger traffic. But it then becomes hard to convince the users in question that Messenger is "better for them" than the IM service they are already using.*

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> *Winchat is there. There's not a lot to using it, except for our administrative work to make it work, about which the users could care less. I know it's not encrypted, but at least it stays local.*

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> *Greg Stigers, MCSA*

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