

Re: disable msn messenger in company

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For your Windows XP Pro/W2003 computers you could use Software Restriction Policies to create a hash rule for disallowed for any executables there are for the different versions of messenger and or path rules. See the link below for SRP

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/winxppro/maintain/rstrplcy.msp>

For Windows 2000 computers you could add the executable name to the disallowed Windows application list using Group Policy under user configuration/administrative templates/system though that is not as effective as SRP because a user could bypass that setting by renaming the executable.

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:323525>

Also it is best to use a firewall that is capable of having a default block all rule for outbound access and then you define the allowed exceptions. That will stop a lot of unauthorized internet applications though many have the ability to tunnel through port 80 TCP which is the common http port used for internet access. To help mitigate that you would have to add the IP addresses of servers that the application uses to the blocked list in the firewall or use a sophisticated firewall like ISA 2004 that can do deep application http filtering and create rules to stop such access.

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/prodtechnol/isa/2004/plan/httpfiltering.msp>
—— ISA 2004 HTTP filtering

I almost forgot but for XP Pro and Windows 2003 you can also use Group Policy to disable Windows Messenger for user or computer. Look at the settings under user and computer configuration/administrative templates/Windows Components/Windows messenger – do not allow Windows Messenger to run and set it to enabled. —— Steve

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how could we disable msn messenger in our company. We are running windows 2000 and 2003 with AD. Please advise.