

## Re: Messenger Service

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He referred to his 'home machine' in the singular.. If he were on a corporate network I could see maybe the net admin wants messenger service. But on a home machine? Also, he mentioned getting messenger service pop-ups. Could someone explain that for me? Is the original poster confusing messenger with other pop-up's by chance. I finally deactivated msmessenger after being warned in here several times, but I never got any ads or anything that I could ever trace to Microsoft's messenger service.

"Carey Frisch [MVP]" <mrxp2004@nospamyahoo.com> wrote in message news:%23DPwVXHOEHA.128@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

- > *It is not a good practice to disable the Messenger Service in Windows XP.*
- > *When you disable this service on any operating system, it is no longer*
- > *available for receiving legitimate messages, such as administrative alerts*
- > *and notifications from antivirus programs.*
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- > *3 Steps to Help Ensure your PC is Protected*
- > <http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>
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- > *Frequently Asked Questions About Antivirus Software*
- > <http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/antivirus.asp>
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- > *Special note if you use AOL:*
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- > *America Online installs its own connection settings that override*
- > *the ones that come with Windows XP. America Online's*
- > *connection settings don't include a way to turn on Windows XP's*
- > *built-in firewall.*
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- > *Visit the following web site for instructions on downloading*
- > *a FREE firewall program for your computer.*
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- > *Ref: <http://www.updatexp.com/free.html>*
- >
- > *Consider purchasing a top-notch Internet Security program*
- > *that will help protect your PC from future viruses, hackers, and*
- > *privacy threats:*
- > [http://www.symantec.com/sabu/nis/nis\\_pe/](http://www.symantec.com/sabu/nis/nis_pe/)

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> *Carey Frisch*  
> *Microsoft MVP*  
> *Windows XP – Shell/User*  
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> *Be Smart! Protect your PC!*  
> <http://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>

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> "Mike" <[anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com](mailto:anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com)> wrote in message:  
> [news:c42201c43859\\$b244bab0\\$a301280a@phx.gbl...](mailto:news:c42201c43859$b244bab0$a301280a@phx.gbl...)  
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> |I have installed XP Prof on my home machine and I keep on  
> | getting these Messenger Service pop ups. How do I get rid  
> | of these?  
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> | Please help.