

Re: microsoft meeanger service

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Ending process on msimn.exe would shut down Outlook Express. This has nothing to do with the messenger service(or windows messenger for that matter). Closing outlook express does nothing to the messenger service, it simply closes outlook express. If you re-open outlook express the msimn.exe comes back. Not sure what your thinking here, but ending process on msimn.exe is not needed and has nothing to do with the messenger service. Same with msmsgs. This closes windows messenger, which has nothing to do with the messenger service. Ending process on msmsgs.exe does nothing except close windows messenger, which as soon as you reboot would come right back, unless you uninstall windows messenger or set it to not start at windows startup.

To stop popup ads that come thru the messenger service(not woindows messenger, not outlook express), the ONLY correct answer is to enable a firewall. Disabling the messenger service is a good idea ONLY AFTER you tell them to install and enable a firewall. Telling someone to disable the service and not tell them to install a firewall is just plain bad advice. Please don't post bad and potentially dangerous advice. It only confuses users. Enabling a firewall is the correct answer, disabling the messenger service can be an added security precaution, but disabling is not needed at all if you have a firewall and the service can't be exploited if you have a firewall up and running.

Jerry wrote:

- > *To disable windows messenger:*
- > *Right click the taskbar and click the Task Manager. In the Task*
- > *Manager, click the Processes tab.*
- > *On the Processes tab, click the Image name column header. You'll*
- > *notice that this arranges program names in alphabetical or reverse*
- > *alphabetical order. This prevents them from moving around in the list*
- > *and makes it easier to find what you're looking for. Find the msimn*
- > *entry in the list. Right click it and click End Process. Click Yes in*
- > *the dialog box warning that bad things might happen. The msimn entry*
- > *should disappear.*
- > *Find the msmsgs entry in the Image Name list. Right click that one*
- > *and click End Process. Again, click Yes on the warning dialog box.*
- > *Close the Task Manager.*

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- > *Messenger Service, Disable*
- > *Click Start and then click Control Panel.*
- > *Click "Administrative Tools"*
- > *Double-click "Services"*
- > *Double-click "Messenger"*
- > *In the Startup type list, choose "Disabled"*
- > *Close all the windows*
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- > *Hope that helps*
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- > *"Ramesh [MVP]" <ramesh@nojunkmails.com@mvps.org> wrote in message*
- > *news:udsy49YNEHA.3052@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...*
- > *If the pop-up title bar reads as MESSENGER SERVICE, then it is the*
- > *famous Messenger SPAM. Install a Firewall to prevent the pop-ups. If*
- > *you don't have a firewall installed, enable the Internet Connection*
- > *Firewall in Windows XP:*
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- > *1. Open Network Connections*
- > *2. Click the Dial-up, LAN or High-Speed Internet connection that you*
- > *want to protect, and then, under Network Tasks, click Change settings*
- > *of this connection.*
- > *3. On the Advanced tab, under Internet Connection Firewall, select the*
- > *Protect my computer and network by limiting or preventing access to*
- > *this computer from the Internet check box.*
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- > *This blocks the TCP ports responsible for Messenger data transmissions*
- > *and prevents Pop-ups.*
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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>*
- >
- > *Stopping Advertisements with Messenger Service Titles*
- >
- > *<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/pro/using/howto/communicate/stopspam.asp>*