

## Re: Outlook Express message??

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<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/WinXP/microsoft.public.windowsxp.general/2008-10/msg06487.html>

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- *From:* "PA Bear [MS MVP]" <[PABearMVP@xxxxxxxxx](mailto:PABearMVP@xxxxxxxxx)>
  - *Date:* Fri, 31 Oct 2008 17:55:16 -0400
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When you open a Reply via the web-interface, click on the "More options" ("Other options"?) link at bottom right.

If you accessed these newsgroups in your default newsreader (e.g., Outlook Express), it's simply intuitive and much easier.

Setting up Outlook Express to access Microsoft newsgroups

<http://www.michaelstevensstech.com/outlookexpressnewsreader.htm>

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~PA Bear

Jo wrote:

How does one do that in MS groups? I couldn't see a way to post simultaneously in more than one group, or I would have done that. And since I wasn't sure of what was causing the problem, it made sense to post to more than one group.

"PA Bear [MS MVP]" wrote:

Jo, if you'd crossposted your first post to both newsgroups, things wouldn't be so confusing for you or us now.

Multiposting vs Crossposting:

[http://www.blakjak.demon.co.uk/mul\\_crss.htm](http://www.blakjak.demon.co.uk/mul_crss.htm)

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Jo wrote:

For the readers of this thread, see my reply in the Outlook Express group  
to  
PA Bear's much appreciated information:

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<http://www.microsoft.com/communities/newsgroups/en-us/default.aspx?dg=microsoft.public>

Jo

"PA Bear [MS MVP]" wrote:

[Repost of my reply to your thread in OE General]

You should be aware of a few things, Jo:

1. Come April 2010, you will not receive any more Windows Updates unless SP3 is installed. With SP3 installed, you'll receive updates through 2014.
2. The free installation and compatibility support for WinXP SP3 that you used will only be available through 09 April 2009.
3. With a little perseverance on your part, we probably could have assisted you in getting that constant nag to compact OE folders to cease. (Only a very small minority of WinXP SP3 users are experiencing this issue.)
4. It is perfectly safe for the majority of users to uninstall WinXP SP3 via Add/Remove Programs. The tech told you not to do it that way, which suggests that you may have had a "horked" (bad; faulty; incomplete) install to begin with.

Best of luck to you.

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Jo wrote:

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Thank you very much to everyone who replied. At about 5:00PM I finally decided to just uninstall SP3. It was a nightmare, but I did it and I'm no longer getting the OE message. I was at least an hour on the phone with Microsoft Tech Support (he was extremely nice and helpful) just getting the video to behave. Then another 3.5 hours to download and install all the other updates and security patches to bring SP2 up to date. I \*think\* it's okay now. Interestingly, my scanner that I haven't been able to install since installing SP3 is now working perfectly.

SP3 is a lemon and I'm glad to be rid of it. Good luck to anyone else who wants to change their mind after installing SP3. A word to the wise – find out how to do it properly. The tech support guy said \*do not\* uninstall it through Add/Remove Programs in the Control Panel (which is what I did). Why MS put it there if it isn't the right way to uninstall it, is anyone's guess. Thanks again for everyone's help, information and support!

Jo

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"Jo" wrote:

My  
apologies if  
you see this  
post more  
than once,  
since I'm  
not quite  
sure  
which  
group to  
post it in, so  
I'll post it in  
a few that  
might be  
relevant.

For the last  
3 days or  
so, I've had  
a message  
window  
appear  
when I boot  
up  
Windows  
(XP SP3). It  
says  
"Outlook  
Express. To  
free up disk  
space,  
Outlook  
Express can  
compact  
messages.  
This may  
take up to a  
few  
minutes."  
And  
then  
the OK or  
Cancel  
buttons. I  
have always  
clicked

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Cancel.

Here's the weird thing -- I run Office Outlook (2003), NOT Outlook Express! I've never run Outlook Express -- not on this Windows installation anyway. Just in case this was an echo from Office Outlook, I compacted all my Outlook PST files, but I'm still getting the message.

I find this message disturbing because, since I'm not running Express, I wonder if it might be some kind of malware. But I run an anti-virus and anti-spyware and firewall and I scan pretty much daily. It

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hasn't gone  
away  
after  
scanning.

Has anyone  
else had this  
happen  
before,  
when you  
aren't  
running  
Outlook  
Express?  
Thanks.