

Yet one more Messenger question

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I have just had Windows XP installed and can't get rid of the messenger icon in the tray or get it to stop loading at start up. I have tried the stop messenger link that Jonathan Kay suggested with no luck. I have tried going to Preferences tab and uncheck 'Run this Program when Windows starts' or 'Run Windows Messenger when Windows starts' but it wasn't an option there, I did uncheck the box that said Allow Windows Messenger to run in the background. I went to Norton Virus and was not able to find an "options" field to see if that was the problem.

Any more thoughts?? I have XP at home and I will be darned if I can remember how I got rid of it there.

Thank you in advance for any help you can offer.

The following is from another post and I have indeed tried this also with the exception that you'll simply need to disable Windows Messenger. To do so, open it up (click Start, then Run, type "msmsgs" and click OK), click Tools, Options, Preferences tab and uncheck 'Run this Program when Windows starts' or 'Run Windows Messenger when Windows starts' (depending on version) as well as 'Allow this program to run in the background' or 'Allow Windows Messenger to run in the background' (depending on version). This won't remove Windows Messenger, so features like Remote Assistance, Whiteboard and Application Sharing will continue to work, but it will let it stay out of your way.

Also, do you have Norton Antivirus installed? Recent versions of Norton Antivirus added a new "instant messaging scanning" feature, which can conflict with Messenger and cause it to

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