

## Re: Pop-up: Newer version of Windows Messenger???

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I have now deleted Windows Messenger via Control Panel. I am running Windows XP Professional SP2.

I don't use Outlook Express and am trying Firefox now. Eudora is IMHO a much better emailer and seemingly immune to most trojans.

However I still get the Windows Messenger update pop-up every 10 to 15 minutes. Is there no way to get rid of the pesky nuisance; other than switching to Linux of course...?

"Jonathan Kay [MVP]" <msnewsreplies@jonathankay.com> wrote in message news:<e6iO2J#DFHA.3492@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl>...

> Greetings,

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> *It's legit, although they did a poor job with this one.*

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> *If you're having problems updating, just grab it from WindowsUpdate (along with a bunch of other updates added yesterday):*

> <http://windowsupdate.microsoft.com>

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> *Messenger Resources – <http://messenger.jonathankay.com>*

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> "trtye" <trtye@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message

> news:2A4462B3-D7FF-484E-B2E0-6D8FB9D34050@microsoft.com...

>> *Yesterday, under the Security Update for Windows Messenger thread, Code*

>> *Slinger, brought up a question regarding a very suspicious pop-up that shows*

>> *up about every 10 minutes stating that a newer version of Windows Messenger*

>> *is available and must be installed in order to continue and asking if you'd*

>> *like to install it now. There's an option for more info under 'What's New'*

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> > *that when clicked doesn't provide any info at all or even acknowledge the  
> > issue. Furthermore, choosing No, does not impact being able to continue.  
> > Code Slinger wrote:  
> > "Doesn't anyone find that just a bit odd? You click on the "What's New"  
> > button and you get a "page not found" error. You search all of Microsoft's  
> > website, the XP website and the Messenger website and there's not a single  
> > hit for KB887472, the alledged hotfix. Given the presumed flood of support  
> > calls about this and the putative severity (since it's required to login to  
> > the server), isn't it strange that Microsoft doesn't even put a short note on  
> > the Messenger home page to verify the validity of the update? If Messenger  
> > was compromised by hackers to download attack software, this is exactly what  
> > it would look like -- a insistent demand to download and install right now  
> > with no verification possible."  
> > I contacted Microsoft online support yesterday with basically the same  
> > question and haven't yet received a reply. I don't use any Messenger service  
> > for instant messaging purposes. I'd get rid of Windows Messenger altogether  
> > but it's my understanding that I need it for Outlook Express and other online  
> > support services. Has anyone found an answer as to whether this pop-up is  
> > legit or not? Any info would be greatly appreciated.*