

# Disable Messenger Service

## Disabling the Messenger Service

Should a pop up box appear on your screen with the words "Messenger Service" in the title bar such as the one below, chances are that you have Windows Messenger Services enabled.

To remove the ability for anyone in the world to pop up messages on your computer, you can disable the Messenger service. Its easy to reverse at a later time if you wish to do so.

### Windows 2000

Click Start-> Settings-> Control Panel-> Administrative Tools->Services

Scroll down and highlight "Messenger"

Right-click the highlighted line and choose Properties.

Click the STOP button.

Select Disable or Manual in the Startup Type scroll bar

Click OK

### Windows XP Home

Click Start->Settings ->Control Panel

Click Performance and Maintenance

Click Administrative Tools

Double click Services Scroll

down and highlight "Messenger"

Right-click the highlighted line and choose Properties.

Click the STOP button.

Select Disable or Manual in the Startup Type scroll bar

Click OK

### Windows XP Professional

Click Start->Settings ->Control Panel

Click Administrative Tools

Click Services

Double click Services Scroll

down and highlight "Messenger"

Right-click the highlighted line and choose Properties.

Click the STOP button.

Select Disable or Manual in the Startup Type scroll bar

Click OK

Windows NT

Click Start ->Control Panel

Double Click Administrative Tools

Select Services-> Double-click on Messenger

In the Messenger Properties window, select Stop,

Then choose Disable as the Startup Type

Click OK

Windows 98 & ME

Windows Messenger Service cannot be disabled