

Two Ways to Stop “Pop Up” Ads

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Turning Off Messenger Service

If you are receiving spam messages that simply pop up on your computer screen, it may be that the spammers are using Windows built-in Messenger service, which sends messages in a broadcast across a network. The way to block these annoying messages is to disable the Messenger service.

Network administrators have used the Messenger service (not to be confused with the MSN Messenger instant-messaging or Windows Messenger, XP’s instant-messaging!) to broadcast notices to all network users, but these days they’re much more likely to use e-mail. On most networks, the Messenger service is simply not needed, and it’s certainly useless when your system is not connected to a network.

In Windows XP, you can disable the Messenger service by following these steps:

1. Go to **Start**
2. Select **Control Panel**
3. Navigate to **Administrative Tools** and then **Services**
4. Double-click on **Messenger** and click on **Stop**
5. Set the Startup Type to Manual or Disable
6. Click on **OK** and the pop-up spam will be blocked.
7. Close all the Windows that you have just opened.

Or try this alternative:

1. Click **Start**.
2. Click **Run** and type **services.msc** in the Open box.
3. Click **OK**.
4. In the right pane, scroll down to **Messenger**.
5. Double click **Messenger** and click the **General** tab.
6. Under **Service Status:** click the **Stop** button.
7. In the **Startup Type:** drop down box, select **Disable**.
8. Click **Apply** and **OK**.

Installing Pop-Up Stopper Free Edition (<http://www.panicware.com>)

A Pop-Up Ad is a type of window that appears on top of (over) the browser window of a Web site that a user has visited. In contrast to a pop-under ad, which appears behind (in back of) the browser window, a pop-up is more obtrusive as it covers other windows, particularly the window that the user is trying to read. Pop-ups ads are used extensively in advertising on the Web, though advertising is not the only application for pop-up windows.

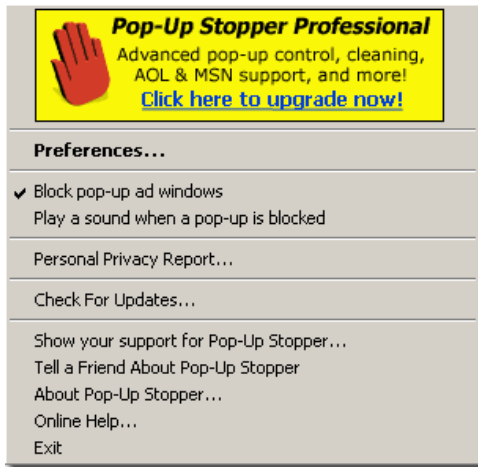
Surf with style with this free browser pop-up ad-blocking utility for your Internet Explorer browser. This program is completely free, and does not require registration to use or download. I have used this program for over a year and have virtually stopped pop-up ads from interfering with my Web surfing activities.

Follow these steps to download and install **Pop-Up Stopper Free Edition**.

1. Access the Internet.
2. On your browser's address bar, type: **panicware.com**.
3. Immediately under the Panic ware logo, you will find a blue bar running horizontally across the Web page.
4. The word "Download" is a link. Click on it!
5. Scroll down to and click on "Pop-Up Stopper FREE Edition."
6. At the next window, click on "Download."
7. At the next window, uncheck "Sound Pack Offer" before clicking "Download."
8. When the download dialog box appears, select "Save" and send the file to "Desktop."
9. Note that the file name is "PopUpStopperFree.exe."
10. When the download is complete, close the dialog box and return to your Desktop
11. Double-click on the PopUpStopperFree icon that appears on your Desktop and follow the Installation Wizard's instructions.

Pop-Up Stopper Free Edition features a powerful, yet easy to use, interface which allows quick access to its wide variety of features. This version is free for personal use only.

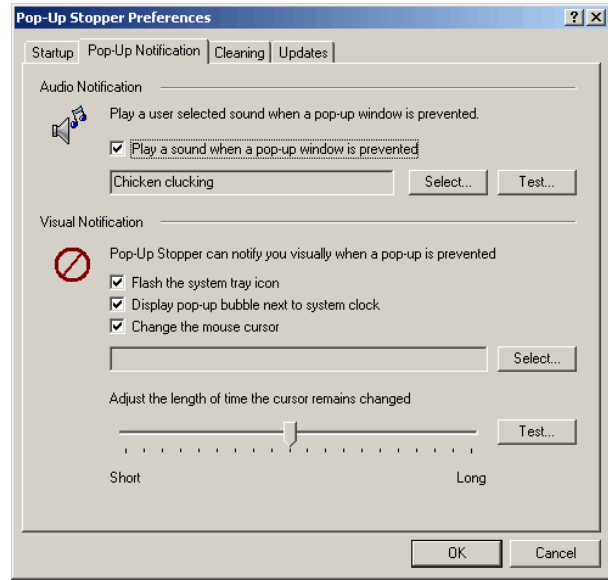
Pop-Up Stopper runs in the system tray next to your clock for instant access. Simply right-click the white hand and you will be presented with a menu like the one below.



From this menu you may access the preferences, monitor your Privacy Report and identity theft risk assessment, check for product updates and more!

Pop-Up Stopper Free does not support AOL

Pop-Up Stopper will notify you when a pop-up is blocked. Automatic Updates



Keep your product up-to-date with automatic updates!

