

### **What is Instant Messaging?**

**Instant messaging or IM** is a form of real-time communication between two or more people based on typed text. The text is conveyed via computers connected over a network such as the Internet. Instant Messaging has become a very popular way of communicating in the rest years. This is mainly due to the Popularity of MSN, Skype Chat, Yahoo Chat and others. This is a quick way to communicate over time zones and with many people at once.

### **What are the dangers of Instant Messaging?**

Due to the ease of communication, it is also possible for non-loyal employees to be talking to competitors and reveal sensitive company secrets from within. Furthermore it can be a time waster by letting employees talk to private contacts.

But those Instant Messaging applications also give the user a possibility to send or receive files. This a security risk where the Anti- Instant Messaging module will give you full control over which Instant Messaging systems are allowed in your network, if any.

With the Instant Message Recording feature you can monitor all the chat traffic on the network in real time and find any impropriate communication.

### **How can I prevent Instant Messaging?**

With The SecPoint Protector Anti-Instant Message module you can block all Instant Message programs such as MSN, Yahoo Talk, Google Talk, Skype Chat and many others. This will prevent all such traffic on the network.