

## Re: [Full-disclosure] PC Firewall Choices

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ZoneAlarm – gets in the way, and hard to diagnose problems. You end up turning it off because it never remembers your settings and you can't trust it.

Kerio – I liked the best, but the GUI would crash when trying to display all your packets. This is a known bug. Allows you to create rules, and to see how they are applied in comparison to the system-generated rules. Definitely try.

8Signs – Said it had stateful packet inspection, but didn't. I gave up trying to poke a hole for TFTP.

I haven't tried Tiny, its next on my list. The toughest part about these firewalls (for me) is determining how/when a packet is filtered. Does it hit the internal rules first or does it check against yours? If one time you hit Permit on a pop-up window, can you go into the program and find rule?

On 1/17/06, Steven <[steven@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:steven@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

- > I am looking at supplementing the Windows XP (Pro) SP2 Firewall with a third
- > party product on a bunch of Windows machines. I am trying to determine what
- > product to go with and wanted to solicit some opinions from this mailing
- > list. The four that I really come across and have used in some cases are
- > ZoneAlarm, Sygate, Norton, Kerio, and Tiny. My understanding is that Norton
- > has actually acquired Sygate and that the Sygate Personal Firewall probably
- > wouldn't be the best choice of these now. With that in mind I am looking
- > for a product that easy to setup, easy to use, works well, and does not take
- > up too much in terms of system resources or harddrive space ( I also don't
- > want it to add 20 minutes to the boot process either).
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- > I am not looking for e-mail protection, antivirus, or any other non-firewall
- > type services to be included. I do however want it to be able to manage
- > applications and their internet usage. (i.e. if they install something new
- > that tries to access the web (trojans included) they will get a popup
- > telling them something is doing this).
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- > Any suggestions and opinions on the above products and any others that I
- > might not have mentioned are welcomed.

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> Also --- on top of this if someone knows of software/hardware that can scan  
> these machines and verify whether or not both the SP2 FW and/or the 3rd part  
> FW --- and perhaps prevent them network access if they are not running ---  
> please let me know. [I am not sure what security products have these  
> capabilities]  
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> Thanks  
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> Steven  
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- Nic

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    ◇ From: GroundZero Security
- ◆ ***Re: [Full-disclosure] Secure Delete for Windows***  
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