

Re: A firewall won't stop this one

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Dazz <cashdj@hotmail.com> wrote:

> *So instead, systems should be left without any protection at all?*

No. Just stop all services on your machine you don't want to offer, instead of port filtering with a piece of crap.

Just stop using programs which want to "phone home". Leave that programs alone, inform their makers you will not use their crap because of those "features".

> *Isn't some sort of protection better than none?*

No, it isn't.

If "some sort of protection" cannot be calculated, if "some sort of protection" even offers more security holes than without such "protection", it is better to pass on that "protection".

> *Do you drive a car?*

Yes.

> *Does your car have seatbelts?*

Yes.

> *Do you happen to*

> *wear a seatbelt?*

Yes.

> *A seatbelt doesn't offer complete protection, but it does offer some*
> *protection.*

In what way endangers me a seatbelt while I'm driving? Or are you comparing apples and oranges?

> *Did you make your seatbelt?*

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No. I'm trusting in the makers of my seatbelt. They worked hard for that trust of me – I only trust in seatbelts which are well tested, which are tested by a technical inspection authority I trust in, and are found well done. I only trust in seatbelts where a technical inspection authority which I'm trusting in reviewed the design and concept of the seatbelts and found them good.

I will never trust in seatbelts where I can see the mistakes and the deficiency myself already.

> *How do you know there isn't some soft of
> design or manufacturing fault that hasn't been detected?*

I cannot see that. I'm trusting a technical inspection authority, as I already said.

> *You like to attack personal firewalls, but I've seen hardware
> firewalls that are also vulnerable to attacks as well, yet you don't
> mention this.
> Why is that?*

Because I will not use such "Hardware Firewalls" also. I'm trusting only a filtering system I can read the code.

But: "Hardware Firewall" is not the opposite of "Personal Firewall"