

Re: Notifying user of open Internet access

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My final comment is that Windows was not designed from the start for the Internet. I believe the Port 139 was for Netbios shares, in a controlled environment. In my opinion (I am entitled to an opinion), this is a serious flaw in the whole computing market. I mean, with no training, you can go to Fry's electronics, buy a "Toaster" oven, plug it in, not read any directions, and be toasting bagles ten minutes later. In the same light, you can go to fry's, buy a computer/laptop, plug it into a broadband connection, and be on the Internet within that same 10 minutes. No training, nothing.. I have been taking computer/networking classes for several years, and am amazed by the sheer ignorance of the public, as regard to security and safety.

I always use a NAT box, before putting a Windows box on the Internet. I block Ports 135-139, and 445 automatically. I also have logs that are generated (SYSLOG'S), and I review, to see where vulnerabilities...Lately, I use a service like www.grc.com "Shields Up", to see where my vulnerabilities are.

I just wanted to know if you would heads up someone. Obviously, I never meant to get the dire warning, or hear about ISP Gestapo tactics...I just wanted to hear a concensus...What troubles me more is that no one can get into a discussion without name calling, or threatening tone.

I have come to respect the opinions (and that is what they are) of the postings on this group. It is sad that a (relatively) educated bunch of people have to resort to name calling, in order to get their opinion expressed. I for one value the postings here. I never would doubt someone's credentials, if I thought A) they express themselves clearly B) The pass the "SMELL" test (does it make sense??) C) The leave the nasty comments out of it.