

Re: ZoneAlarm – letting my computer clock contact the TimeServer

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On Thu, 24 Mar 2005 08:02:36 -0600, Clark <clark@outthere.com> wrote:

>I need a bit of help here.

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>My computer clock is not keeping time accurately, so I'd like for it
>to contact the Internet timeserver frequently.

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>ZoneAlarm 5.5 keeps the clock from accessing the timeserver. If I
>deactivate ZA, the time gets reset properly. Or if I deactivate ZA and
>turn on MS's firewall, the time still gets reset. So, it's just ZA
>only.

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>How can I tell ZA to let the clock contact the timeserver?

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>Thanks for any help here. I tried to ask the question on the
>Zonelabs website, but funny thing, I kept getting the "Cannot find
>server" error.

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>Clark

Well, maybe I answered my own question, so possibly someone can tell me if this method is OK. I determined that the NTP protocol (Port 119) is the one that allows for time synchronization. So, I went to the ZA control panel, under Main->Custom. There wasn't any NTP port listed there, so I arbitrarily selected "Allow incoming UDP ports" and put 119 as the port number. Is that OK? It works, anyway... I just want to make sure I'm not opening my computer up to folks who want to get into it.

Now, does anyone know how to force several time syncs per day? I'm using XP, SP2. This computer clock is really bad and needs frequent re-setting.

Thanks!