

Re: is this right?

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> I run redhat 7.2 on a DSL connection. The DSL modem I use requires the user
> to open "pinholes" before the service becomes available to the "outside
> world". I have opened the ports that I need, and on those ports (ie: FTP
> :21), I have restricted these ports on my server (ie: FTP restricted to
real
> users only.....class real *).

First off, what are you calling pinholes? What kind of DSL modem do you have? Unless your modem has a built-in firewall or NAT'ing, more than likely it does NOT block traffic. You should focus on securing your connection from the server.

> My question is.....do I need to configure my server firewall, or does the
> modem block all ports I haven't opened – therefore requiring me to only
> configure the servers security on the modems open ports. Example: I have
> closed port 22 on the modem, so I shouldn't need to attend to sshd
security?

Security through obscurity is NOT a good theory to follow. As a rule of thumb, you should turn off all the services you don't need on the server; period! Hope this helps..

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