

## Re: XP requests in ZA

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If you go to [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) and search for svchost.exe you will find links to various technical docs describing this thing. It is part of windows xp and seems to be mainly involved in processing graphics. It's present in Windows ME as well but by another name. Read about it and draw your own conclusions as to whether you want to let it do. I've found that many web pages don't show if you limit it's access too severely. I've forbidden it from server privileges on the internet but let it do everything else including server/local.

I think alg.exe is the windows XP built-in firewall. Experimenting with turning the XP firewall off and on drew zone alarms attention to this thing immediately.

Snow Boarder nCA wrote:

> *Hey Pete,*  
>  
> *Funny thing I just posted the same message... Lets see what response I get...*  
>  
> *Please Read:*  
>  
> *Hello,*  
>  
> *I just got a new computer with XP Pro preinstalled , and I installed ZA Pro on*  
> *it.. (My previous set up was ME and ZA Pro on another computer)..*  
>  
> *Before I even set up my DSL connection I installed ZA Pro , BTW, its the latest*  
> *version of 2.6.. With my XP Pro computer there are these strange programs*  
> *wanting access to the internet and wanting server rights... are these programs*  
> *specific to XP , and do they need to access the internet?*  
>  
> *I notice if I block some of them I can not log on with Netscape... I have been*  
> *doing a trial and error work around to figure each one out... But these are*  
> *the main ones trying to access the internet, and one's with No "Filename" or*  
> *"Version".*  
>  
> *alg.exe (application layer gateway service)*  
>  
> *svchost.exe (this one is called generic host process for win32 Service*

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> 5.1.2600.0, is this the one they use to register XP)  
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> There is also one or maybe two programs that want to access the internet, but  
> it does not give a name of the program in the pop up... it just says " do you  
> want to allow to access the internet".. normally where it says the program  
> name its blank, and in the Technical Information section below the message  
> "Filename" and "Version" are also blank... Then the same program asks for  
> server right... Who and what is this program? If it does not tell who it is??  
> is this the registration part of XP?  
>  
> I also have another program trying to access the internet in the same way as  
> above (no filename or version) but also displays a Destination IP:  
> xx.xxx.xx.xx:DNS ( which it seems like it may be Netscape 6.2.1). If I block  
> it, I can not use netscape..  
>  
> What is needed of xp to access the internet for it to function properly? With  
> Win Me I felt Like Knew who and what was trying to access my computer or the  
> internet.. With XP I feel like I am not comfortable with it..  
>  
> Also, What is the deal with the registration process of Win XP Pro, non corp  
> edition? I have not been prompted to register this product.... as of week  
> one... Does the manufacturer register it, or is it different with XP Pro? Ehhh?  
>  
> My computer set up: Win XP Pro (Non Corp) , DSL connection, ZA Pro  
>  
> If you can help me . . . . I would appreciate it..  
>  
> Happy Holidays,  
> Seth  
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> Additionally, where can I go on the web to become more familiar with firewalls  
> and issues like this..

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