

Re: Browser privacy and ZoneAlarm

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I don't understand your question. ZoneAlarm has little to do with privacy per se except that it may block out the occasional spyware. If you are asking how to set ZA on its most secure mode, set the right slider to HIGH. The left can be to most restrictive you require. Hope you have disabled NetBIOS (see <http://grc.com>.)

If you're trying to protect your privacy, you need a little more than ZA. Here are 5 free ways to protect your privacy and security:

1. Get Ad-Aware to root out spyware.
2. Get Proxomitron – it hides referrer URLs.
3. Delete all your cookies (including the index.dat files for IE), create dummy files with the same name, and then write protect all the index.dat files. This permanently deletes the ability for IE and Netscape to store cookies, yet maintains full functionality on the web.
4. Get DNSKong – blocks DNS lookups. Kind of like HOSTS but much more efficient: you only need to specify one domain and every domain with that name is blocked. For example, to block 24/7 Media's 200+ ad servers, I just have to put "247media" in DNSKong's config file, and all their servers by that name are blocked. I posted a list recently in alt.privacy.spyware and will post it again if requested. May need companion eDexter program for some programs, particularly if you use Netscape. I posted a config file in alt.privacy.spyware under DNSKong configuration file on 12/18.
5. Get an IP filtering firewall like Tiny Personal Firewall (which, BTW, works very nicely with ZA free version.) I have a list of spyware-related IP addresses that can be blocked. Alternatively, if you have a lot of patience, you can configure TPF in a restrictive mode such as to only allow access to IP address of which you approve, and disallow all else. If you want my list, it's posted in alt.privacy.spyware under "Re: Disabling Spyware – Programming Code/Techniques". I'll repost it upon request.

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NSKong (older version which I prefer)

<http://accs-net.com/hosts/DNSKong.html>

DNSKong (newer version, easier to install)

<http://www.pyrean.com>

Proxomitron

<http://proxomitron.org>

Tiny Personal Firewall

<http://www.tinysoftware.com>

<http://www.webattack.com/get/tinyfw.shtml>

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