

Re: Firewall/AV Question about WinXP Connection While Not Logged On

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Yes, because the gateway machine still has ZoneAlarm running as a service which will continue to stealth/block ports on that machine. Try it by going to a grc.com shields up on the client machine under the conditions you are concerned about.

I do agree with the Duane that you would be better off, getting a router in addition to running a personal firewall/antivirus software on all of the machines on the NAT network behind the router. Routers are very inexpensive and many require very little if any setup.

"C. Rypkema" <crypkema@hotmail.com> wrote in message news:26d5730b.0210081406.3f8aa1fd@posting.google.com...
> *Sorry the subject line is so cryptic, but the situation is fairly*
> *unusual.*
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> *My question is, is a WinXP ICS gateway computer protected by the*
> *ZoneAlarm Pro 3.1 firewall and Norton Anti-Virus products -- while no*
> *individual user is logged on?*
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> *Here's the scenario.*
> *- Computer A is on WinXP and logs onto the Internet. Computer A is*
> *an Internet Connection Sharing (ICS) gateway for a small home network.*
> *- Computer B is an ICS client and logs onto the internet using the*
> *connection from Computer A.*
> *- Computer A's user logs off his account...but keeps the modem*
> *connection alive. Computer A is now at the User Log On screen only.*
> *- Computer B continues to surf the web on the open modem connection*
> *on Computer A.*
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> *Is Computer A protected at all by either the anti-virus or firewall*
> *software?*
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> *If you're trying to replicate the situation, it seems that it only*
> *works if Computer B is already using the Internet connection, i.e. for*
> *email or browsing. If Computer B tries to initially access the*

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> *Internet after A is logged off, it doesn't work.*

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> *Thanks,*

> *CR*

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