

## Re: @Home cable service

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Although I don't have the background to comment on the virtues of a router, I've had good success (and I'm no rocket scientist), with just installing a local network and running Sygate internet sharing software:

<http://soho.sygate.com/products/default.htm>

Then I use ZA for protection.

Just my 2 cents.

Nathaniel Hekman wrote:

- > *I'd suggest a hardware solution, like a LinkSys router.*
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- > <http://www.linksys.com/products/group.asp?grid=23>
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- > *The advantages of hardware, in my opinion:*
- > – *no software to install, it's really plug-and-play for any simple home*
- > *system;*
- > – *it also gives you a home network, so you can share files & printers*
- > *between computers at home, and share your Internet connection;*
- > – *if you ever get more than one computer at home it protects all of*
- > *them, rather than having to buy licenses and install software on every*
- > *computer.*
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- > *I experimented with Zone Alarm at work, where I do some IT. A software*
- > *firewall does not seem secure to me at all, for a couple of reasons:*
- > – *ZA would pop up a message whenever someone on the network tried to*
- > *connect to me, and similarly when software on my computer tried to connect*
- > *out, and it would ask if I wanted to allow or disallow it. As an*
- > *experienced IT person I found it often difficult to know what kind of*
- > *connection this was in order to decide whether to allow or disallow. For a*
- > *casual user it would be nearly impossible. It would be very easy for me to*
- > *unknowingly open a gaping hole in my network.*
- > – *Because a software firewall is just another programme running on your*
- > *computer, it is susceptible to all the bugs, viruses, worms and trojan*
- > *horses we hear about every day. Sure, a hardware solution is really just*
- > *software running in its own box so it could be targeted by a virus as well,*

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> *but fewer programmers have the requisite experience or interest.*

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> *M2CW*

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> *Nate*

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> *"John C." <[john92us@midco.net](mailto:john92us@midco.net)> wrote in message*

> *news:uoin1mpfqv522@corp.supernews.com...*

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>> *I'm new to all this firewall stuff but I know I'm vulnerable.*

>> *Any suggestions for software and/or settings? (win 98se)*

>> *Thanks in advance*

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