

Re: Firewall Suggestions

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"Duane Arnold" <notme@notme.com> wrote in message
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> *I agree with Stup on everything except for two of them.*

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> *1) The Win98 issue is obvious to me that application works on Win98. I
have*

> *been there when moving an app to like Win 2k or even to another Win98 or
Win*

> *2K to Win 2K and watched the app *crap* with me being on the phone with
the*

> *vendor completely pissed at the whole situation. The old saying goes, if*

> *it's not *broke* don't *fix* it.*

True, there can be problems migrating to another operating system, but
still, in a business environment, it's my opinion that win98 has no place
there, along with win95 and winme. True, better win98se than the others
lol.

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> *2) The Linksys router is good for protecting from an attack from the
> Internet. But the router is useless on the LAN side. And once a machine is
> infected with a self populating worm, virus etc. etc., the machines will
> attack each other on the LAN or private side of the router , because of
the*

> *vary nature of the Win O/S(s) with MS file and Print Sharing, TCP/IP and*

> *NetBeui, etc., the machines are vulnerable to each other.*

True, but that's what common sense and good antivirus are for. True, the
machines are vulnerable to each other, but I think that a hardware firewall
for the entire LAN plus a software firewall is just overkill. You want them
to be less vulnerable to each other, use an operating system that isn't
itself a liability.

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> *That's why I and anyone else who uses BlackIce 3.5 IDS/firewall knows that
> BlackIce will not only back-up the router with its protection from attack*

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- > *from the Internet, but will protect the machine from attack from another*
- > *machine on the LAN. BlackIce will protect even if IP(s) have been accepted*
- > *between machines, if the BlackIce IDS sees an attack such as a worm,*
- virus,
- > *etc coming in the network traffic between machines, BlackIce's IDS will*
- > *instruct the firewall to block traffic from the other machine.*

True, but just about any other software firewall will also "backup" the router.

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- > *To this day, I have a Win 2K laptop at work that is my primary VB*
- > *development machine that I bring home and connect to the router so that I*
- > *can VPN to the job's network on weekends. That machine has got a worm on*
- it
- > *that has defeated F-secure and I got F-Secure up and running again and the*
- > *machine up and running to continue my work. I don't have time to have Tech*
- > *Support rebuild it right now. I connect it to my network and watch*
- BlackIce
- > *on my other machines start to protect.*
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- > *Hey, that's it. And the facts are that no other firewall for the Windows*
- > *Desktop can protect like that.*
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- > *Duane :)*
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- > *The protection of the machine is a process and is not a given!*
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