

Re: Blocking Windows Explorer in firewall

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In article <933A5E84D13485D4AM2@194.168.222.41>, peter@govern.com says...

> *I use Sygate firewall on my XP system. Quite often I get a message
> saying Windows Explorer is trying to get in contact something on
> the Internet. I don't want this.*

To block Internet Explorer, go to Sygate Application List. Internet Explorer should be listed there. (Any application that has or has tried to connect to internet should be listed there)

Right click on Internet Explorer. A pop-up window will give you options to Allow, Ask, or Block. Check block.

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> *My firewall seems to be set to ask me each time Windows Explorer
> uses the net so I want to fix the firewall to always deny access
> rather than ask me.*

Once you block Internet Explorer, it will no longer ASK.

> *The problem is that I can't find C:\windows\explorer in the list of
> firewall programs.*

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> *Can someone tell me which program I should block?*

When you are in ASK mode and get a Sygate pop-up window asking you for approval for IE (or whatever) to connect to the net, look at the window closely, it tells you which file is asking. With Sygate (like most firewalls) you control the applications attempting to connect to internet. It is not necessary to locate the file somewhere down in your computer.

The other poster had a good suggestion that Internet Explorer might be calling home for an update patch or something.