

Re: Do i need a FW?

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Cedric Blancher wrote:

> *Dans sa prose, Bob/Shelia nous ecrivait :*
>> *IE6 under WIN98 SE, stand alone home PC for the usual EMAIL, OnLine*
>> *banking and occasional online investment. My ISP has anti virus program*
>> *that appears to do a good job but still i wonder if I need a firewall?*
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> *I would say yes, just because they can block incoming connections.*

I'd simply say 'look at the output of netstat –an instead'. Do you see win98 listening on rpc ports?

> *Your ISP antivirus won't protect you from worms like Blaster, but a*
> *personal firewall will.*

win98 is not vulnerable by Blaster, since it doesn't run the RPC service like win2000 or XP does. So may I kindly ask you to learn something about the OS you are commenting on **before** you post such crap?!

To the OP: Don't run any services and you don't need any suspect firewall placebo from any third party vendor.

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