

## Re: How to block RealPlayer ??

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I like the Linux idea best... :-)

"NeoSadist" <neosad1st@charter.net> wrote in message  
news:101d3qu9q4pqq57@corp.supernews.com...

> *Doz wrote:*

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>> *How can I block realplayer use on your network ??*

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>> *I use a speedtouch 510 pro and I'm able to use the firewall bit... but*

>> *which ports to block?*

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>> *Regards,*

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>> *Doz*

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> *I'm assuming your network is windows-based clients.*

> *1) Develop a policy where an employee who installs any unauthorized software,*

> *or any software without asking your permission first, gets fined.*

> *2) Use a windows version where the average joe can't just install things*

> *(i.e. don't use win95/98/me, use win2k or winNT).*

> *3) If necessary, find the ports that realplayer uses as a default, and block*

> *those outright in the firewall. Also, do a google for "download*

> *realplayer" or something, and block web access to the specific sites that they can obtain it at (as much as possible).*

> *4) Review the logs of all client machines daily (using some sort of*

> *automation so that you don't go insane), checking for such entries.*

> *5) Once a day, make it a point to randomly log into a client remotely and*

> *check what software is installed on it.*

> *6) Develop a computer use policy where the user becomes legally liable for their computer. That way if you can prove they were being either*

> *negligent*

> *or intentionally doing improper things, fine them. Make THEM pay for the repairs :)*

> *7) Use Linux, so that your users are totally clueless, and have no possible*

> *way of installing anything :)*

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> *The advertisement is the most truthful part of a newspaper*  
> -- *Thomas Jefferson*  
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