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I read this post with great interest as I have two computers configured in this way, i.e. connected to a router connected to a cable modem. One machine running Win-XP and the other Win98SE. I can get online with both machines and access web pages but for some reason the Win98 machine will not download files (shareware, updates, etc.). The download dialog box comes up but the download will not start. This machine previously got online via dialup and had no problems downloading. Being new at this I wondered if this could be caused by the router or if it is just this old Win98 machine. Thanks.

"Leythos" <void@nowhere.lan> wrote in message
news:deH%d.37\$nC.5@fe1.columbus.rr.com...

> *On Mon, 21 Mar 2005 21:43:04 +0000, Sandi wrote:*

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>> *Here in the UK, I am on NTL cable and have just one PC attached.*

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>> *My head is spinning with all the configuration rules and exceptions
>> which need configuring for a software firewall.*

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>> *I thought I was doing ok with user guides like the section called:*

>> *"Personal firewall configuration for cable modems"*

>> *<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/robin.d.h.walker/cmtips/security.html>*

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>> *But it turns out that things are still more complicated than that.*

>> *As an example, I installed Outpost and came across this advice page.*

>> *<http://www.outpostfirewall.com/forum/showthread.php?t=9858>*

>> *Oh wow. It's all too much! :-) I just want protection without*

>> *becoming an enthusiast or even expert in firewall configuration.*

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>> *QUESTION ONE: If I buy a hardware firewall then will it completely*

>> *replace the need for me to have a software firewall? That would save*

>> *me some headaches!*

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