

Re: Making Outpost work

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On Tue, 22 Mar 2005 23:19:29 +0100, Thomas Ludwig
<Thomas.Ludwig@gmx.de> wrote:

>> *I am on XP Pro + SP1 and have taken out a trial of Outpost Pro 2.5.*
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>> *I am finding it quite hard configuring this firewall. At the moment*
>> *my Opera browser gets blocked whenever my third-party clipboard*
>> *manager (Yankee Clipper) pastes a URL into the address bar.*
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>> *Outpost complains about the clipboard utility trying to change a*
>> *component of the browser.*
>> *I'm not familiar with this utility, but you should try to understand what*
>> *it's doing. Aside from that you can configure component control in OP – you*
>> *can even disable it but that's not recommended. Read the manual and go to*
>> *the OP forum at <http://www.outpostfirewall.com/forum/> where you will get a*
>> *lot of help.*
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>> *Huh? I don't understand it and what's*
>> *worse i don't know how to prevent Outpost blocking the browser at*
>> *that point.*
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>> *Just because you have a lack of understanding doesn't mean that there are*
>> *no threats around. As a matter of fact they are becoming more and more*
>> *severe. Protecting a computer is a complex task, and gaining some knowledge*
>> *about it is inevitable. In my view, OP offers a level of protection no*
>> *other PFW does. E.g., it protects against nearly all known leaktests*
>> *contrary to other competing products. But it's only one element of*
>> *protection – others are: a good antivirus program, replacing IE and Outlook*
>> *by Firefox and Thunderbird, surfing only under a restricted user account,*
>> *keeping one's brain switched on (probably the most important one).*
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>> *I do NOT REALLY NEED FEATURES for mail attachments, cookies, ActiveX,*
>> *scripts, etc. Those things my I do well enough in the browser or in*
>> *my antivirus software and I don't have a MAJOR NEED for a second line*
>> *of defense against them.*
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>Are you sure? The big advantage of OP is its ability to block all the Active
>Content you mentioned by default thus protecting you against the associated
>risks. On the other hand you can selectively allow one or several of these
>active elements for specific sites which you consider trustworthy – a great
>feature.
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>> As background I have used:
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>> Sygate Free 5.5 and Sygate Pro 5.5 and both were ok (reporting is
>> better than others but I would have like even more reporting tools).
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>> free Kerio (2.1.5) but reporting and user interface were always a bit
>> too tricky to use comfortably.
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>> Zone Alarm Pro 4.5 but I continually get alert messages about
>> loopback 127.0.0.1 and suspected application hijacking (EG when the
>> browser calls the emailer). Reporting is not good either.
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>> Is it worth me trying a different firewall?
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>Well, I've tried all above firewalls before I switched to Outpost. OP
>offers the best protection and value for me. It's getting better and better
>with each new version, and it's very stable.

I just wish they would fix the bugs in it, like the one that
continually warns about changed components when none have changed....