

Re: Firewall needed behind router?

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On Thu, 9 Jun 2005 20:09:09 +1200, "Peter in New Zealand"
<peterbalplug@xtra.co.nz> wrote:

*>I have three PCs on a LAN which is connected to the Internet via the
>modem/router unit. Is there any advantage in having a software firewall (in
>this case McAfee) on these machines, or would the router be sufficient
>protection? There's no requirement for inter-PC protection – just from the
>Internet. We just recently upgraded to broadband after a decade of dialup,
>so it is all a bit new to me. The tech told me the router is configured to
>prevent DOS and hacker attacks, and I understand a little of the theory, but
>not a lot, so I apologise if this is a silly question. Thank heaps for
>helping.*

Peter,

This isn't a silly question. This question gets asked almost daily, and should be asked more.

If you have multiple computers on a LAN, and any one of them is used for Internet access of any type, you should have a personal firewall on each one of them. If any one of them should get infected, it could be with a combined threat that enters the LAN as browser data, and then attacks other computers on the LAN. Having a PFW on each one could save the others, and could alert you to the infection.

<<http://nitecruZR.blogspot.com/2005/05/please-protect-yourself-layer-your.html>>

The broadband tech needs to educate himself a bit more. Why do you think that there's no requirement for inter-PC protection?

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Cheers,
Chuck

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