

Re: Do I really need a FW besides WXP

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"?" <reply_in@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

> One of the biggest problem with XP's built-in firewall is it lets all inside
> traffic go out.

No, this is not a problem. Controlling already running programs what they're sending out is a broken concept anyway.

> Since XP Home doesn't really have good security like XP Pro

In what way?

> A real firewall would pop up a warning that "program xxxxx is trying to
> connect to the Internet."

Only a "Personal Firewall" with the design flaw to make the person responsible for security decisions of all the people, who should be protected and protect, the user, asks in such a absurd way.

A sensible implementation of a security system for home users offers protection for them without making those people responsible for security related decisions, who don't have a clue of what's going on.

> The advice about being behind a router is a great help and I do it as well.

If the "router" is running a packet filter and maybe NAT, then this is a good idea, if the packet filter is well configured by default.

> But if malware gets installed on your computer, the NAT router is also going
> to let it happily send your passwords away without warning you as well.

Yes. And this is a very good idea, because filtering the PINs and passwords directly leads into attacks to find them out. It's just misunderstanding data security to filter away to hide something.

An example; say, I have a two digit PIN. And I'm filtering it away to hide it. Well, which one was it?

00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

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20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39
40 41 43 44 45 46 47 48 49
50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69
70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79
80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89
90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98 99

Complete this yourself for usual PINs with 4 or 5 digits and a small computer program, which does the job of counting. Then you'll have your homework ;-)

Anybody, who offers filtering data away as a solution to hide this data, has no clue of data security at all.

Yours,
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Netzwerkgrundlagen anhand Windows lernen zu wollen ist doch wie seine ersten sexuellen Erfahrungen mit einer Prostituierten zu sammeln: Die Leidenschaft fehlt, das wirklich Wichtige lernt man dabei nicht, und die Chance sich einen Schädling einzufangen ist hoch. (Lukas Graf in d.c.s.m)

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• ***Follow-Ups:***

- ◆ ***Re: Do I really need a FW besides WXP***
◇ *From: Jeff B*

• ***References:***

- ◆ ***Do I really need a FW besides WXP***
◇ *From: John Gawe*
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