

## Re: hardware firewall

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In article <bth9sk\$2814\$2@nyheter.ipsec.se>, phn@icke-reklam.ipsec.nu says...

> Leythos <void@nowhere.com> wrote:

>> In article <qbbnv4f9ndk2lfs59iavup2no8t3ctf64@4ax.com>,

>> chris@nospam.com says...

>>> On Mon, 05 Jan 2004 23:20:42 GMT, Leythos <void@nowhere.com> wrote:

>> [snip]

>>> >To be honest, you might be better off purchasing a copy of Windows 2000

>>> >Server and using a Linksys Router with NAT. The cost of a good firewall

>>> >that will also provide IP restrictions will cost more than the Server

>>> >software and a simple NAT router.

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>>> Have you priced W2K Server lately?

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>> Yes, Server 2000 standard will run on any beefy workstation and is only

>> \$700 US. It can be purchase for less if you are a non-profit or a

>> educational member. You can also subscribe to the MSDN, if you are a

>> developer of MS products you should already have this, and install

>> anything they make.

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> I can obtain a linx server AND HARDWARE for \$700

And it would not help him at all – he's developing on a IIS platform the comment was about firewalls and security based on his question. He wanted to restrict the site to specific IP's.

\$700 does not buy much in the way of quality hardware.

> Ain't that a proce difference ??

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>>> Everything the original poster wants can be done with a free linux  
>>> running on a cheap Pentium 200 PC. This includes:

>>> 1. NAT/Masqueradeing

>>> 2. Redirecting http requests to a different address or port

>>> (ie a denied webpage)

>>> 3. Control which IPs can connect to which internal address/port.

>>> 4. Stateful packet inspection so ports are only open when needed

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