

## 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?  
>  
>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....