

Re: security

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I have several computers on a home network that I never have a need to reinstall. First off you need a firewall, virus protection [scan all emails also] that stays updated, and keeping current on critical updates at Windows Update that can be done automatically. Other things to do include making sure that the guest account is disabled and that you are using strong passwords assuming you are using W2K/XP Pro and disabling file and print sharing if your computer is not offering shares on a network. There is a tool from MS called Microsoft Security Baseline Analyzer that can help increase security of the operating system. If your computer is used by other users, try to prevent them from downloading and installing junk from the internet. I also use Norton Systemworks [bought from NewEgg for \$23] which comes with Ghost which allows me to make a image of my install so that if problems occur I can reinstall my whole operating system and applications in under 10 minutes. --- Steve

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/treeview/default.asp?url=/technet/security/tools/mbsahome.asp>

<https://www.microsoft.com/security/protect/>

<http://www.safer-networking.org/> -- use this occasionally also.

"Manfred" <anonymous@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:578301c3e5bd\$14aa2360\$a301280a@phx.gbl...

- > *I'm getting so weary of re-installments. Microsoft say's*
- > *to turn off un-needed services. Where can I find a page*
- > *which states the bare minimum of services,how to turn*
- > *them off/on and by which you could still operate a home*
- > *computer with internet capability?*
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- > *I don't hear of Macs having the same level of problems*
- > *and am seriously thinking of switching.*