

Re: The TCP... settings block my port scanners(kazaa,warez,etc)

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DangerousD, I have to wonder about the real reasons why you are running port scanners and p2p software. Have you tried calling Microsoft support and asking them why your hacking tools won't work and you can't download free music and movies anymore? Microsoft offers free tech support for virus problems, so I guess that would also have to include help with problems writing and spreading viruses.

XP SP2 has a lot of security improvements that are highly recommended, but it is a significant change to your system. I assume you had disabled the ICF / Windows firewall installed by XP SP2... I believe SP2 will enable ICF by default on a home computer. There's also a firewall log I believe called pfirewall.log somewhere in the windows directory that you could have checked to confirm or deny whether the Windows firewall was an issue.

There is also a new feature in XP SP2 that if I understand correctly limits the number of concurrent outbound connections to 10. I wonder if this is what you are referring to? I don't believe there is an official method or setting that lets you disable this. There are unofficial hacks out there that involve replacing or editing one or more executable files and are unsupported by Microsoft.

XP SP2 does reportedly break or at least cause problems for some scanners like nmap. This issue and the fixes for it have been well documented in www.google.com and at the nmap web site. You might have to search the web site or discussion forum for whatever programs are troubled.

"DangerousD" <DangerousD@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:A5B3ED72-B81F-4767-A21C-B40034284BAD@microsoft.com...

> *I have been using various p2p softwares since long now, only for legitimate*

> *needs. some times you catch hold of such files and old docs which is*

> *occasionally difficult to find easily otherwise. P2P helps in such cases.*

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> *Any ways, I updated my windows xp with some critical security updates and*

> *service packs and thereafter all of the softwares stopped working. I tried*

> *out a lot of stuff but no good. i thought that the installation was*

currupted

> *by the updates so i*

> *1. reinstalled – waste of time*

> *2. uninstalled and reinstalled – again waste of time*

> *3. uninstalled, deleted related files which were left back and then*

> *reinstalled again – again more wastage of valuable time.*

> *4. uninstalled the security updates and then reinstalled – no use*

> *5. i formated the entire drive on which XP is installed, reinstalled*

entire

> *XP alongwith service packs 1 & 2. NO USE. infact after this my antivirus*

and

> *firewall (Zone alarm) also stopped working.*

> *6. now i have formatted the entire drive again and installed the origial*

> *system again.... guess what.... IT STILL DOES NOT WORK.*

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> *after a lot of research and developement i did find out a reason. there is*

> *this security setting in windows xp with the name TCP.... something, i*

dont

> *remember the entire name. This setting is to protect you against malicious*

> *attacks and hijack attempts. Any program on your computer which makes more*

> *than a prescribed number of unsuccessful attempts to connect to ports on*

the

> *interet, its bandwidth is blocked and reduced to such a small amount that*

> *almost neglegible amout of data transfer takes place. after so much more*

> *wasting of time i am still not able to find the place from where the*

> *parameteres of this setting can be changed.*

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> *Now i have only two questions???*

> *1. where is this option which limits bandwidth???*

> *2. when earlier, ie. before the unfortunate day when i updated my win XP,*

> *how cum my portscanners were working and now they are not????*

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> *the reason why i am sure that this is why kazaa and warez dont work is*

> *because when i install them for the first couple of hours they work*

> *absolutely finebut there after they just dont work at all. which shows*

that

> *while the limit of unsuccessful attempts is not reached they work and once*

it

> *is reached they stop.*

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> *can someone pleeeeeaaaase help...*