

Re: some thoughts on the Slammer fiasco

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Sometimes those of us who do know better have no power and when we do try to get those in power to approve the hotfixes and service packs they just claim it can break SQL server. So while I can't do anything to prevent the mess I am left with cleaning it up.

BTW here is a question someone who knows networks would not ask. "Can (insert name of firewall) block port X?" If you're just completely blocking the port its better to do it at the router level so the firewall can do the more complex processing. Plus hardware firewalls aren't cheap so if you're trying to do security on a budget you can just set the TCP/IP properties to connect over certain ports so the IP stack won't even bother looking at the packets.

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"Sid" <gotmail@aol.com> wrote in message
news:eTNSOqVxCHA.1620@TK2MSFTNGP11...

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> These are my thoughts regarding some of the moronic posts seen here
> recently.

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> WTF are you running a software firewall on an SQL box for. SQL should
stand

> alone. And please buy a hardware firewall.

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> Here is a question someone running Oracle would not ask. "Can (software
> firewall of your choice) block port X.

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> I am an SQL Server DBA and quite frankly ashamed of the low level of
> knowledge and lack of willingness to keep up with simple security updates
on

> the part of the losers here whining about how to keep their servers safe.

> Either learn how to play, or get of the field. And people wonder why SQL

> Server DBAs make less than a DBA for Oracle, DB2, Sybase, etc.

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> "But is was sooo easy to install, I clicked next. I'm safe now, right?"

> Personally, I hope the IT slump goes on for 5 more years to weed out

> wannabes like the people here.

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> Sid

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