

Re: firewall vs security appliance

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I am not that familiar with D-Link devices but their website should be helpful in determining the difference in features and performance. Firewalls have CPUs, memory, and firmware with capabilities that can differ greatly. If the network being protected has a lot of users, a lot of firewall rules, extensive content filtering, deep packet inspection, bandwidth shaping, and extensive logging, then a much more capable and powerful device would be needed. — Steve

"boaz" <nospam@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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There is one from D-Link that costs \$400 with WiFi, and the other one that costs \$3000.

What's the different?

"Steven L Umbach" <n9rou@xx> wrote in message
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I used to use a low end router but now use a Netscreen 5XP that I bought used on Ebay for under \$100. There are a lot of differences particularly when it comes to advanced logging, more flexible firewall rules, VPN endpoint that can use certificate authentication, content filtering, and the ability to have a firewall that can have a default block all outbound rule and then you create rules for the authorized exceptions for example. Having said that I can understand the your concern in spending \$3000. You can get advanced firewall protection for a lot less depending on your needs and the size of your network. For instance the Sonicwall TZ170 goes for a fraction of that price and can also integrate with content filtering services and virus scanning subscriptions for reasonable prices. A lot of small business rely on a simple internet router but the extra investment in something like a Sonicwall may be well worth the money if you want the extra pabilities. — Steve

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<http://www.sonicguard.com/TZ170.asp?source=google&keyword=sonicwalltz170>

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Well...

How do you justify to spend \$3000 for a "Security Appliance" rather than a \$70 D-Link router that comes with everything?

I don't see the different in term of functionality. In a matter of fact, the \$70 D-Link comes with a whole lot more than any of the "Security Appliance".

Those companies who sell security appliance wants to charge me this and that in additional to the basic for hundreds of dollars per user etc.

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There is no answer.
There has not been an answer.
There will not be an answer.
That IS the answer!
And I am screwed.
Deadline was due yesterday.

There is no point to life.
THAT IS THE POINT.
And we are screwed.
We will run out of oil soon.

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