

Windows Firewall (SP2) & VPN

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Hi there,

I'm hitting my head hard on this one. I've set group policy to disable Windows Firewall for boxes on our domain (in the domain profile), but for the default profile, I've set them to be on for when they're off our domain. This seems to be working just fine.

I'm running into an interesting problem when I'm trying to VPN into our lan from the outside. I would have assumed that by VPN'ing in, the Windows Firewall would have shut itself off for the VPN side, but keep itself running for the internet side, so the machine would act as if it's just a client sitting on the lan. Not so!

The Windows Firewall is up & running, even when connected to VPN, and says "Windows Firewall is using your non-domain settings." So when this box VPNs in, I can't even see the dang thing!

In my VPN IP settings, I have even changed the DNS Suffix to reflect our internal lan domain name, with no luck.

If I change the internet nic side to use the internal lan domain name for the DNS suffix, the firewall shuts itself off, and behaves itself like a good little puppy dog.

This, HOWEVER, leaves it wide open for exploits & attacks!

It's theoretically working, but just not correctly!?

Has anyone figured out how to VPN in, keeping itself protected on the outside, but opening itself up for the internal side?

Thank you!

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