

Re: norton antivirus and ms firewall

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Hal wrote:

- > *i am running win xp pro sp2 and have just installed norton antivirus*
- > *2005. NAV recommends i use it instead of windows for my default*
- > *firewall protection. should i turn off the windows firewall and rely*
- > *just on the norton antivirus, (which checks for worms, trojan*
- > *horseses, etc by default), or run both?*

Then you did not install Norton Antivirus 2005.

You installed a Norton SUITE.. Because a Firewall and an AntiVirus software have little in common.

Although the Norton Internet Security (or whatever it is called now) does a lot – I find it cluttered and a resource hog. When the normal user would happily get by with the Windows "Firewall", some antivirus application (Norton's included) and antispyware applications (along with the other normal maintenance/backup routines) – they instead get some software that claims to do it all for them and then wonder why their machine has slowed down or they keep getting asked "Should I allow this?"

Go with simplicity and security – not the claim of it.

If you have broadband – get a NAT router – like a Linksys/Netgear/D-Link/etc that allow you to connect your computer and several others to the same high-speed internet connection behind the safety of the router. Then turn on your Windows Firewall, install your favorite antivirus software and set it to auto-update, set your Automatic Updates to On (Windows XP) and download/install and occasionally update/scan/immunize with a few AntiSpyware applications. Don't forget to start some scheduled backups and change your password(s) once every 3 to 6 months.. Then you should be good to go.

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