

Re: Forcing firewall to load before ethernet

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Don't power up the external DSL modem till after Windows is done booting.

<steve_on_lists@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:1124381672.670157.151050@f14g2000cwb.googlegroups.com...

> *Overview*

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> *During brief time at windows startup, it appears*
> *my DSL connection often has no protection. I want*
> *to control startup of software and windows components*
> *to plug this breach.*

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> *My specs*

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> *Win XP Home edition*
> *Norton 2005 AntiVirus & Firewall*
> *NOTE: Windows firewall is disabled (required, I think*
> *to use Norton)*
> *Software fully updated*
> *External DSL modem connected to PC via ethernet cable*

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> *When I boot up,*
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> *1. my security software loads automatically.*
> *2. If I forgot to manually disable my ethernet*
> *connection before I shut down the last*
> *time, then my ethernet will also load automatically*

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> *Is this a problem?*

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> *I run very little stuff in background, and have very*
> *few icons in my Windows task bar. There is no*
> *predictable pattern as to how these icons appear during*
> *windows startup.*

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> *Based on observations of those icons, it appears*

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- > *that on occasion, during windows startup my ethernet*
- > *loads before my firewall and other security*
- > *software load. If so, then for that brief time*
- > *(under 1 minute) my system is potentially*
- > *vulnerable, since the ethernet connects to an external*
- > *DSL modem. Is that a problem?*
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- > *Problem or not, do you know how to do the following tweak?*
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- > *I would like to tweak my boot up / start up routine to force*
- > *my ethernet to either (1) wait until the Norton stuff is*
- > *all loaded or (2) wait some predefined amount of time before*
- > *loading, under the assumption that my security stuff will be*
- > *loaded before then. Anyone have any ideas or can you point*
- > *me to any resources you know contain the answer?*
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- > *Thanks*
- > *Steve*
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