

Re: Securing against an internet based intrusion

I don't know whether account lockout will do anything in XP, but first step is getting a good firewall in place between your computer and the Internet modem/router you use – even if you use the XP firewall as well. Don't allow any inbound traffic at all, and you're in decent shape. Depending on the model, you may be able to turn up logging such that you can see what people (or hijacked computers) are trying to do – even dump it out to a syslog server.

If you use wireless, don't use a wide open access point – use WPA at minimum.

Use a good, long, complex password on your default administrator account, and also on your own account (and don't put your own account in the Administrators group).

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