

Re: A question for the group

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kensmith@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (Ken Smith) wrote:

In article <44ab6d79\$1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, David Brown <david@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote: [...]

A real firewall/router will cost about \$30, and do a vastly better job of protecting your network or PC from trojans and other nasties.

They don't protect you from trojans. Trojans are named after that Greek horse that the idiots in Troy downloaded to inside their firewall.

And your ISP should be able to virus-scan your emails for you – again,

I want my ISP to keep its hands off my e-mails. We really don't want the status of ISPs to be changed. Today, very like the phone company, they are not responsible for what is said over their system. I want ISPs to keep this protection.

Funny, today I made a forecast on another forum that ISPs may become more than just a telco and also offer protection to their customers given the importance of internet nowadays. Not that I want this to happen, but there are already signs that governments want to regulate internet in order to protect their citizens.

they will (should!) do a better job than a home system.

As far as I know, there are no viruses for Apples. I think that this is in part because they are very well defended. The problem with the PC is

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This is not quite true. The Apple OS is as vulnerable as any OS to trojan horses and other malware. Don't even think 'user mode' is going to help you (this is a very, very false assumption).

Clever criminals want to make money with your computer. They don't need root or administrator privileges to do so. All they need is a user with enough rights to download and run a program (even if it sits inside a corrupted JPG, PDF document, activeX control, executable, etc, etc) on a computer.

Regardless the OS, you'll need a virus scanner and a malware detector.

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