

Re: hardware and software firewall?

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It's generally a good idea to run both a hardware and a software firewall, particularly if you have a LAN, and it shouldn't cause any problems if everything is properly configured. The hardware firewall in the router will hopefully intercept a lot of things before they can make it onto the LAN, but anything that gets through that, or that originates from media used inside the firewall, could bring down every computer on the LAN if you aren't running individual software firewalls on each computer. Another consideration is that many hardware firewalls control incoming, but not outgoing, traffic, while most good software firewalls can be set to control outgoing traffic as well. That prevents a lot of "phone home" pests from completing their mission even if they make it onto one of your computers. Just as using a couple of different antitrojan/antispysware products will give you better protection than using one alone, using a hardware plus a software firewall also gives you broader coverage against potential problems, since there have to be identical chinks in both layers of armor before damage can be done.

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"Ed Chait" <edchait4remove@earthlink.net> wrote in message news:33pretF451cj7U1@individual.net...

> I recently upgraded my primary Win98SE machine to XP Home with SP2. This pc

> has wireless router with a hardware firewall.

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> By default, the software firewall was turned on during the installation and

> doesn't seem to be causing any major issues or conflicts outside of some
> problems I am having running peer-to-peer file sharing programs on the
other

> pc's on the net.

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> Are there any benefits or detriments to running both the software and
> hardware firewalls?

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> thanks,

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