
Subject: Re: Firewall

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Zone Alarm, even the free version plus a Linksys Router is about the best security a home user can get...security suites, and even Zone Alarm now, protects against a lot of other things as well.

If it's spyware, malware, whatever else...Windows Defender is becoming top dog...why? (They built the OS so they know more secrets than others)

Firewall...Zone Alarm was the first to start program control...that's the most important aspect of ANY firewall...Norton does a decent job now a days, but users don't like 50 pop ups and confirmations...Black Ice and McAfee and a few others are also pretty good...but I have yet to hear or read another program go one on one against Zone Alarm (as far as firewall tests) and beat it...and that's the free version mind you. Paid version gets you a lot more bells and whistles, but for 20 bucks more a McAfee or Norton all in one suite may suit ya better, but I'll never switch personally from Zone Alarm anytime soon. I also get to use a free version of Symantec Corporate Edition so why get a memory hogging suite that I don't need?!?!

Virus protection...it truly does NOT matter which...each one on a different day does better as they release the definitions first...Trend Micro, McAfee, Symantec, Panda, etc etc etc...just have one...the more free the better generally...which ever one meets your needs for updates...the better...

My personal network, with the exception of exceptions I manually enter into my linksys router for FTP and other things...has never recieved ONE inside alert passed the router...meaning no KNOWN attackers have even challenged Zone Alarm on the inside...travelling yeah...cause then Zone Alarm is on the perimeter, but that's expected...plus on new linksys firewalls you can enable firewall protection meaning the router will only let machines from the inside get out if it's firewall is working...in other words, a dead firewall program on a computer will not be able to get exposed to the internet...not a bad deal...

Any persons main worry should be web bots...malware, spyware, 99% of virus's are just pains in the ass....web bots and losing control of your computer should be your main concern...

Some good reading... <http://www.grc.com/default.htm>