light wrote on Fri, 07 July 2006 23:57Quote: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.
Can ZoneAlarm:

Detect when one program attempts to use another program to access the internet
Detect that a program has changed since it was allowed access (i.e. been patched)

Yes to both...

For example:

When Surf Anonymous is running and irc or other programs are going through it, it says mirc is trying to access through surf anonymous...allow or deny..I even get warnings that directcd is trying to access the internet through surf anonymous as well when I have it enabled for web proxies through IE.

And when mirc is updated like I did last week, gayspy, TS, and yahoo...all that I've updated in the last two weeks...all notified me that the program had changed and if I should re-allow or deny.

Plus it secures mail ports to just my specific mail programs so at least no smtp whore bot will send out anonymous mass emails...it has to be a virus in Outlook that beat everything else to get inside...