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June / Phil

You may find SP2 senses the existence of a third party firewall and turns itself off.

Q: How does Windows Security Center detect third-party products and their status?

A: Windows Security Center uses a two-tiered approach for detection status. One tier is manual, and the other tier is automatic through Windows Management Instrumentation (WMI). In manual detection mode, Windows Security Center searches for registry keys and files that are provided to Microsoft by independent software manufacturers. These registry keys and files let Windows Security Center detect the status of independent software. In WMI mode, software manufacturers determine their own product status and report that status back to Windows Security Center through a WMI provider. In both modes, Windows Security Center tries to determine whether the following is true:

An antivirus program is present.

The antivirus signatures are up-to-date.

Real-time scanning or on-access scanning is turned on for antivirus programs.

For firewalls, Windows Security Center detects whether a third-party firewall is installed and whether the firewall is turned on or not.

Frequently asked questions about Windows Security Center

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb:en-us:883792&Product=winxp>

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Hope this helps.

Gerry

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Enquire, plan and execute.

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Please tell the newsgroup how any suggested solution worked for you.

<http://dts-l.org/goodpost.htm>

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"Phil" <comingsoon@philcosoft.com> wrote in message  
news:eNseLZiHEHA.3612@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...  
> You'll get sp2 just fine with your current firewall and av program up and  
> running. If you want to keep using your firewall you'll have to turn the  
xp  
> one off and the alerts for it in the security center after sp2 installs.  
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> "June" <June@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message  
> news:0A6E2EBD-D633-437B-B93D-A20160B74DAA@microsoft.com  
> > I have XP Home and already have Computer Associates EZ-trust firewall  
> > and anti-virus on my home computer. Is the automatic update with  
> > SP-2 going to work OK or I do I need to uninstall my firewall and  
> > virus before it automatically updates with SP2 tomorrow? My router  
> > also has a firewall of some sort built into it. While MS is giving  
> > business users information about XP Professional and delaying the  
> > update for them, all they seem to say is that few home users have  
> > firewalls so it doesn't matter about those of us that have taken  
> > computer security seriously and do have it. Anybody have any  
> > information about this?  
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