

## Re: Service pack 2 firewall.

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On Fri, 27 Aug 2004 07:49:10 -0700, "Ian."

<Ian.@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote:

>Hi All,

>I installed service pack 2 yesterday, but have had serious problems with AOL  
>since. Unfortunately I am stuck in a contract with AOL for a year, but can  
>anyone advise how to fix this problem? Basically, when I post to AOL message  
>boards, & send AOL e-mails, when I click send, an hour glass appears, & then  
>I get disconnected from AOL? I think it's the Windows XP firewall. Does  
>anyone know how I can check this? Would it help to log the firewall? & if so,  
>how do I set this up, as I am not sure which box to tick?

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>If anyone can help, then I would be most grateful.

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>Many thanks.

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>Ian.

First suggestion is uninstall SP2 ... which is ( supposed to be)  
possible from control panel ..

Yes windows firewall try to impose yourself instead of other products  
by creating conflicts with them .. Disable it .. If microsoft wanted  
it windows firewall could have configured itself from your existing  
setup . However SP2 is designed specifically not to do that .

Whatever your firewall settings you have to dig them up and introduce  
it windows firewall, which may appear to be off but it isn't and keeps  
working at the background, ( everytime you boot anyway )

Ask yourself why do you need SP2 ... A lot of big companies asked  
microsoft exclude SP2 from automatic updates so that they can  
evaluate compatibility issues with their equipment..

We can't do it .. we are individuals and Microsoft holding us to ransom  
by installing spyware into our computers, so that only the products  
they approve can be used.....

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Unfortunate that we all become slaves of Microsoft .. I have now definitely decided to distant myself any microsoft product .. ( which i had thought of doing when they did similar things with win98 updates but gave one last chance for winXP.. )

No doubt a new microsoft product on its way to replace XP ... SP2 did the damage it was supposed to ..

Even after you uninstall, your computer will not be same.. you will have sound problems / network problems and a lot slower machine than you used to have.

Reinstal XP on a new hard disk , use a third party firewall / antivirus , turn off automatic updates . ( Do nnot attempt to update Windows Media Player ) Thats the way to manage for a while ..

What is missing ? Nothing