

Re: Can't enable MS Firewall

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Ok, I want to try your suggestions.

But before I make changes to the registry, I want to back it up, and that is where I need some questions answered.

1- I just created a system restore point. Do I now need to backup my registry, or, should a registry problem occur, can I get the current registry back by going back to the restore point?

2- I found that apparently the only way to backup the registry is to install and use the "backup" program.

I presume that I only need to backup the "system state".
Approximately how big might I expect the file to be?

Can I save the file to the same hard disk that I am backing up? What medium is normally used?

Does the registry exist only on the C: partition? If not, does that create any problems that I need to watch out for?

3- The documentation is a little confusing in regards to restoring. It says that if you have the Home Edition you should not use ASR. I am assuming that the instructions in "How to Use the Backup Utility to Back Up Files and Folders in Windows XP Home Edition" do not use ASR.

4- The readme for the backup program states " If you need to restore from this session, install Windows XP manually and then restore from the ASR media.". This hints that this is the only way to restore if you have Home Edition. I hope that this quote applies only if you backed up using ASR.

The web page "How to use Backup to restore files and folders on your computer in Windows XP", which applies to both the Pro and Home editions, gives no indication of whether ASR was used to do the backup, [one would expect different restore instructions depending] or whether the author might mistakenly be giving ASR restore instructions only.

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[I hope that I am just being overly cautious here, but, using my experience with sw documentation, I am pretty well suspicious of all of it.]

I guess that if I have to then I have to, but it seems that MS should have a better way to backup and restore the system state for the Home Edition..

Alan

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