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Kayman wrote:

On Wed, 23 Jul 2008 18:22:22 +0000, Bob H wrote:

I just installed latest version of Agnitum Outpost Fireawll, and rebooted my winXP sp3 machine, and although a tray icon loads, when I click on it it says (greyed out)service not ready. I then try to start the said program and it says I don't have sufficient rights to do that. I am logged in as Admin, so whats wrong?

I'd uninstall this application and look for a much better alternative!

Keep on reading:

For the average homeuser, the Windows Firewall in XP does a fantastic job at its core mission and is really all you need if you have an 'real-time' anti-virus program, [another firewall on your router or] other edge protection like SeconfigXP and practise safe-hex.

The windows firewall deals with inbound protection and therefore does not give you a false sense of security. Best of all, it doesn't implement lots of nonsense like pretending that outbound traffic needs to be monitored.

Activate and utilize the Win XP built-in Firewall; Uncheck \*all\* Programs and Services under the Exception tab.

Read through:

Understanding Windows Firewall.

[http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/security/internet/sp2\\_wfintro.msp](http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/security/internet/sp2_wfintro.msp)

Using Windows Firewall.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/networking/security/winfirewall.msp>

PFW Criticism.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal\\_firewall#Criticisms](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Personal_firewall#Criticisms)

At Least This Snake Oil Is Free.

<http://msinfluentials.com/blogs/jesper/archive/2007/07/19/at-least-this-snake-oil-is-free.aspx>

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Deconstructing Common Security Myths.

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/technetmag/issues/2006/05/SecurityMyths/default.aspx>

Scroll down to:

"Myth: Host-Based Firewalls Must Filter Outbound Traffic to be Safe."

Exploring the windows Firewall.

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/technetmag/issues/2007/06/VistaFirewall/default.aspx>

"Outbound protection is security theater it s a gimmick that only gives the impression of improving your security without doing anything that actually does improve your security."

In conjunction with WinXP SP2 Firewall use:

Seconfig XP 1.0

<http://seconfig.sytes.net/>

Seconfig XP is able configure Windows not to use TCP/IP as transport protocol for NetBIOS, SMB and RPC, thus leaving TCP/UDP ports 135, 137-139 and 445 (the most exploited Windows networking weak point) closed.

If you're really serious about Internet Security:

1. Do not work as Administrator; For day-to-day work routinely use a Limited User Account (LUA).
2. Secure (Harden) your operating system.
3. Don't expose services to public networks.
4. Keep your operating (OS) system (and all software on it) updated/patched.
5. Reconsider the usage of IE and OE.
- 5a. Secure (Harden) Internet Explorer.
6. Review your installed 3rd party software applications/utilities; Remove clutter, \*including\* 3rd party software personal (so-called) firewall application (PFW) – the one which claims: "It can stop/control malicious outbound traffic".
7. If on dial-up Internet connection, activate the build-in firewall and configure Windows not to use TCP/IP as transport protocol for NetBIOS, SMB and RPC, thus leaving TCP/UDP ports 135, 137-139 and 445 (the most exploited Windows networking weak point) closed.
- 7a. If on high-speed Internet connection use a router.  
For the average homeuser it is suggested blocking both TCP and UDP ports 135 ~ 139 and 445 on the router and implement countermeasures against DNSChanger.
- And (just in case) Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) has been superseded by Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA) :-)
8. Routinely practice Safe-Hex.

Also, ensure you do:

- a. Regularly back-up data/files.
- b. Familiarize yourself with crash recovery tools and re-installing your operating system (OS).
- b. Utilize a good-quality real-time anti-virus application and some vital system monitoring utilities/applications.
- c. Keep abreast of the latest developments.

And finally:

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Most computer magazines and/or (computer) specialized websites are \*biased\* i.e. heavily weighted towards the (advertisement) dollar almighty!

Therefore:

- a. Don't fall for software applications touted in publications relying on advertisement revenue.
- b. Do take their \*test-results\* of various software with a \*considerable\* amount of salt!
- c. Which also applies to their \*investigative\* in-depth test reports related to any software applications.
- d. Investigate claims made by software manufacturer \*prior\* downloading their software; Subscribing to non-commercial type publications, (to some extent) specialized newsgroups and/or fora are a great way to find out the 'nitty-gritties' and to consider various options.

Wanna know details? Go ahead and ask :-)

Thanks for the info.

I downloaded and installed Online Armor free personal firewall after checking site reviews of firewalls. Comodo free came out pretty good/better, but it won't even install on my box.

I have used a router for about 4 years now to connect 2 machines to the 'net I already had seconfigXP, but didn't have it in use, doh! I have now.

Thanks

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