

## Re: Networking 2 xhome computers

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On Sun, 8 Feb 2004 15:31:09 -0800, "alan" <levencino23@aol.com> wrote:

*>Hey Chuck thanx for the advice it work. Simply shutting off the 2 Mcaffé Firewall Expresses i had wasnt doing the trick so I uninstalled them and restarted both my computers and vuela! i can see my network once more. Bubblebunny if you have a software firewall delete it. Chuck i jus wanted to know is my network protected by my linksys router BEFRS41? does it have an hardware firewall incorporated in it or do i have to remain completely unprotected inorder for my network to work?*

Alan,

Your BEFSR41 will give you excellent protection against incoming threats. It won't do anything about hostile code sending outgoing traffic, which is why many purists insist that a NAT router is not a real firewall.

The firewall should be part of a layered protection strategy anyway. Other layers include religious virus and spyware scanning and real time protection, religiously applied software updates, using a port monitor (such as Port Explorer (free) from <http://www.diamondcs.com.au/portexplorer/index.php?page=home>), and using enhanced process monitoring (such as Process Explorer (free) from <http://www.sysinternals.com/ntw2k/freeware/procexp.shtml>). Know what's running on your computer, and be aware of current threats (<http://isc.sans.org>).

Thanks for the update. McAfee Firewall is apparently yet another badly behaved personal firewall.

Cheers,

Chuck

Paranoia comes from experience – and is not necessarily a bad thing.