

Re: Router & Firewall?

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Suppose I were to not install a firewall of any kind (or maybe just leave the XP one on), and port forwarding were disabled...

Would that be terribly unwise?

"Richard G. Harper" <rgharper@email.com> wrote in message
news:ecXlxHkYEHA.2456@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> Ah ... *that's different.* :-)

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> NAT provides a fair amount of protection for the computers behind the
> router. In theory the presence of NAT means that the computer(s) behind
the

> router are invisible to the Internet. In practice this may depend on the
> configuration of the router, especially if it's forwarding ports to any PC
> inside the NAT barrier.

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> Adding a firewall to the network setup will provide further protection –
or

> at least alert you if unwanted traffic is getting to your PC. If you add
a

> third-party firewall (as opposed to the built-in XP firewall) you will get
> both incoming and outgoing alerts and protection – which could come in
handy

> if you have let something inside that's establishing a connection you
don't

> want to the outside world.

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> Richard G. Harper [MVP Win9x] rgharper@email.com

> * PLEASE post all messages and replies in the newsgroups

> * for the benefit of all. Private mail is usually not replied to.

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> "David Angelovich" <dangelovich@hotmail.com> wrote in message
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>> Sorry, what I meant was it has built-in Router.... not firewall.... i

> typed

