

Re: Router & Firewall?

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I understand now.

Thanks for your help.

– David Angelovich

"Richard G. Harper" <rgharper@email.com> wrote in message
news:uC607xuYEHA.2812@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...

> *I can't say it would be "terribly" unwise, if you practice safe computing*
> *habits the combination of NAT plus XP's firewall is probably plenty of*
> *protection. But if you're in the habit of opening unexpected attachments*
> *and/or surfing sites whose pedigree you don't know for sure then you may*
> *wish to consider added protection.*

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> *"David Angelovich" <dangelovich@hotmail.com> wrote in message*
> *news:eWlqvVkyEHA.4068@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...*

>> *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?*

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>> *"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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>>> *"David Angelovich" <dangelovich@hotmail.com> wrote in message*
>>> *news:OZuYYYjYEHA.712@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...*
>>>> *Sorry, what I meant was it has built-in Router.... not firewall....*
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>>> *typed*
>>>> *the wrong thing.....*
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>>>> *– David Angelovich*
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>>>>> *"Richard G. Harper" <rgharper@email.com> wrote in message*
>>>>> *news:uYwYmIjYEHA.4004@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...*
>>>>> *If your DSL modem contains a firewall, that is a "hardware"*
> *firewall.*
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>>>>>> *"David Angelovich" <dangelovich@hotmail.com> wrote in message*
>>>>>> *news:eqzB6diYEHA.1656@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...*
>>>>>> *Hi*

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> > > > > *I've got a DSL modem (with built in firewall) running on my
> network*

> > > *with*

> > > > > *NAT....*

> > > > > *Should I also have a hardware firewall?*

> > > > > *Someone told me that NAT and the router's capabilities act as a
> > > firewall*

> > > > > *anyway..... Is this true?*

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> > > > > *– David Angelovich*

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