

## Re: local networking and firewalls

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Can you elaborate on what you are trying to do with regards to "running the LAN"?

I will guess that you are trying to do file sharing, printer sharing etc...  
To do this, you will need to open the appropriate ports in the firewalls on your systems. What ports that need to be opened will be dictated by what you are trying to do.

As for whether your router is an adequate firewall is hard to say. You can try and ping the router's public interface and see if you get a response. If you do, go into the router configuration and disable ICMP Echo's and then ping again, that will tell you if it is working.

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"Literary Penguin" <Literary Penguin@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:98D8ECCD-D0B0-4D5A-AF41-0E60EF233DBF@microsoft.com...

> I'm setting up a small (3 computers, printer, DSL) home network using an  
> 8-port router. All computers, the printer, and the DSL modem connect  
> directly  
> to the router. The PCs are all running XP Pro, sp1. The router is a  
> Netgear  
> ProSafe VPN Firewall, FVS318.  
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> I have the computers networked using Client for MS Networks and TCP/IP.  
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> The network only functions if I turn off all Firewalls on the individual  
> computers. My question is in two parts:  
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> 1. Is there a way to run the LAN without disabling the Firewalls? Perhaps  
> by  
> limiting the Firewalls?  
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> 2. The router claims to be firewalled. Anyone know if it really is, and if  
> it is even remotely adequate?  
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> Thanks in advance for any help.