

Is SP2 a Disaster for XP and Local Networks?

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I'm really beginning to regret the decision to use SP2 on my XP Pro machine. This is not a smooth transition with respect to my local network and firewall capabilities. I had hoped to pick up some error corrections, and some clean features, as well as some protection features. Perhaps I'm in a fairly unique position. I was using McAfee firewall, Norton's Nav, Mozilla browser/mailer, spybot and flying along pretty well. No viruses, and no break ins. Comfortable and able to do the useful work I bought these computers for in the first place.

I've had to uninstall McAfee firewall to get a firewall back, MS firewall. I cannot reach my other two computers on my local network. They don't seem to exist any longer. It looks like from the helpful "Network XP Network Problem Solver" that I may need to uninstall yet more third party software, and make some other changes. This is not fun. I certainly did not need to disrupt my other activities on the computer to become a system administrator. Perhaps I'll break through this given some more time, but I do not like the way this is going.

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