

Firewall Question

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Well--am I confused or What! Can someone explain the firewall process to me?

I thought that with a simple home network all you needed was protection from access via the Internet. If that be true then it seems that the Windows XP firewall is all that is necessary. However, it's seems that you have to disable the WXP firewall in order to get your network to set up and work.

If this is so, then what good is the WXP firewall if you are on a network with access to the Internet? I have McAfee Virus but I had cancelled my McAfee Firewall because I thought that WXP firewall would do the job.

At the office we have McAfee Virus and Firewall provided free by our AOL account so this has not be a big concern.

So, one of my many questions is: Can my home network be set up and running using WXP firewall when I am using a cable modem, or do I need to re-activate my McAfee Firewall account?

If I disable the WXP firewall, will the WXP popup blocker still work, or do I need to get one of those too?

I'm swimming in murky waters...

TIA,
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