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Thanks, Ron. :o)

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In memory of our dear friend, MVP Alex Nichol: <http://www.dts-l.org/>

All the Best,
Kelly (MS-MVP)

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<http://www.kellys-korner-xp.com>

"Ron J" <RonJ@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
<news:5B4FEA94-72B8-4E1E-B329-AD5EDCC884D1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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> "Galen" wrote:

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>> In <news:F5DEFC56-4A51-4F19-B632-49E2ED3EF49C@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,

>> Peaceworks <Peaceworks@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> had this to say:

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>> My reply is at the bottom of your sent message:

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>>> Hey Galen,

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>>> In short, gotcha, and consider the situation remedied as per your

>>> suggestions.

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>>> Sincere thanks,

>>> Terry

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>>> I really hate to sound like a donkey but I'm pretty anal when it comes to

>>> security, security is a process and not an application. I can only hope

>>> that

>>> every computer user will understand that at some point and I don't mean

>>> you

>>> specifically. I have real problems with ZoneAlarm and those problems are

>>> mine and mine alone. You are free to use ANY software firewall you're

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>> willing/able to use but please, for your own sake take the time to insure
>> you've made the settings fit your usage. While ZA may not be specifically
>> any less capable (they just recently started checking components to
>> insure
>> that the running process was indeed the original starting application
>> where
>> you could make any application named a trusted application access the
>> internet before) than the other available options it is indeed easier
>> than
>> most but you seem to be capable. This? This is a compliment. It takes
>> work
>> and dedication to dig out the newsgroups, add them, and opt to use them.
>> You
>> seem interested in security as a process and not just sitting idle and
>> clicking the box when ZA warns you. My problem goes back to a marketing
>> choice with ZA where they completely disabled the ability for free users
>> to
>> turn off automatic updates and then foisted numerous malfunctioning (and
>> not
>> worthy of even beta status never mind release candidate) releases on
>> end-users. I have a number of issues with denial as well but please do
>> read
>> on. As far as I know ZA, as a product, is an acceptable solution though I
>> do
>> not and will never recommend their software until they've made changes in
>> their marketing practices. Again, that is my problem and mine alone. My
>> posts, the initial, secondary, and now tertiary, are meant to help you to
>> secure your computer and to understand the traffic warning that you're
>> seeing. They are not meant to bash a specific product but rather to
>> decypher
>> the problem and give an answer accordingly.
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>> If you're even more curious and, for example, you're not even on a
>> LAN/WAN
>> then you could consider checking running processes and services to see
>> what's running. Have you file and print sharing enabled? Do you have a
>> wireless network? Where is this traffic coming from and what is it doing?
>> Are the other PCs set to index networked drives? That sort of thing is
>> where
>> I'd start to debug this issue but in 99.999% of these cases it's
>> legitimate
>> traffic doing what it's supposed to do and being erroneously blocked by
>> the
>> software firewall and YES this even happens with my beloved Outpost until
>> I've debugged it or configured it properly. So, again, the problems with
>> ZA
>> are mine and mine to hold. You can use any application you want provided
>> you
>> use it wisely. Your posts show that you are doing so. My posts are only
>> meant to show you why this is being reported.
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>> Enough said? Carry this down to the TCP/IP packet at the lowest level?
>> I'm
>> willing to share AND learn from your experiences. I don't use ZA but I'm
>> almost willing to try it again now that I've heard a number of good
>> things
>> about it's recent changes and functionality. I like easy and simple... ZA
>> provides that for the AVERAGE user but in the process of doing so it
>> tries
>> to show it's working and this scares anyone who is alert to the messages
>> it
>> pops up and doesn't understand the stacks or IP at a level beyond my
>> comprehension. Me? Personally? I know just enough to know I don't know
>> anything ;)
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>> Galen
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>> Signature changed for a moment of silence.
>> Rest well Alex and we'll see you on the other side.
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>> Hello Galen,
> For what it is worth, I am in total agreement with you on ZA.
> It
> used to be
> a great firewall but after the freedownload become some popular, hackers
> became better at configureing it than the users. I have spoke with guys
> from
> Check Point (the company that owns ZA) at the RSA Expo . Although Check
> Point owns it control of it has been given to Brouderbund (excuse my
> misspelling). The people there are aware of the problem but it has not
> hurt
> sells, so don't look for any improvements soon. I hate saying this, I
> have
> made friends there, but the truth is the truth. Best of luck to all.
> ps: welcome back Kelly, the group is not the same without you
> Ron J

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