

# Re: SP3 & Zone Alarm

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LadyDungeness@xxxxxxxx wrote:

I'm not sure I understand your point of view.

Plus, your response didn't really answer my question. Which is whether I have to uninstall zone alarm before updating to SP3, or whether I just need to turn it off.

Lady Dungeness  
Out of Danger until September

I would take it out of MSCONFIG so that it doesn't run when you boot up. Enable the Windows XP firewall until after the SP3 install when you can put Zone Alarm back in MSCONFIG. You should also disable any anti malware programs like Spybot or Spywareblaster. In addition, it's a good idea to do a clean up and defrag before installing SP3. This is assuming, of course, that you don't have an HP running an AMD processor.

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On Mon, 12 May 2008 17:21:53 +0700, Kayman <[kaymanDeleteThis@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:kaymanDeleteThis@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Mon, 12 May 2008 02:19:38 -0700, LadyDungeness@xxxxxxxx wrote:

I use Zone Alarm free,

Yuk!

a little bit older version that I like very much because it does not nag me.

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The windows firewall deals with inbound protection and therefore does not give you a false sense of security. Best of all, it doesn't implement lots of nonsense like pretending that outbound traffic needs to be monitored. Activate and utilize the Win XP SP2 built-in Firewall; Uncheck \*all\* Programs and Services under the Exception tab. In conjunction with WinXP SP2 Firewall use:

Seconfig XP 1.0

<http://seconfig.sytes.net/>

(<http://www.softpedia.com/progDownload/Seconfig-XP-Download-39707.html>)

Seconfig XP is able configure Windows not to use TCP/IP as transport protocol for NetBIOS, SMB and RPC, thus leaving TCP/UDP ports 135, 137-139

and 445 (the most exploited Windows networking weak point) closed.)

OR

Configuring NT-services much more secure.

[http://www.ntsvcfg.de/ntsvcfg\\_eng.html](http://www.ntsvcfg.de/ntsvcfg_eng.html)

I don't want to uninstall it before applying SP3. Is it enough if I unload it? Or are there Services that will interfere with SP3's installation?

Don't take your chances with ZA!

1. Make an Image backup of the hard drive/Windows Partition before you install SP3.
2. Test your System Restore to see if it is working correctly.
3. Make absolutely sure the machine's free of any hijackware, Trojan, or virus infections before installing SP3.
4. Run Disk Cleanup then run a Defrag session before installing SP3.
5. Disable all real-time protections (anti-virus; anti-spyware; third-party firewall) before downloading/installing SP3.
6. Reboot twice after installing SP3.
7. Run another Defrag.

Good luck :)