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Thread: [ZoneAlarm Free Firewall or Comodo Free Firewall?](#)

linksku - April 16, 2011, 8:29 pm

These two are the two free firewalls that I hear about the most. I'm looking for speed more than solid security. Which one is better?

Always - April 16, 2011, 8:44 pm

I used to use ZoneAlarm and it worked pretty well so I recommend that.

Xieru - April 16, 2011, 8:45 pm

I think ZoneAlarm can block DDoS's or something, I've heard that.

Polymath 1.0 - April 16, 2011, 9:03 pm

Use Comodo it has a sandbox feature to isolate unknown programs and known malware exploits, something that Zone Alarm does not have. The only other firewall that compares is Kaspersky and that is not freeware. In the past Zone Alarm has been known to falsify it's test results by saying it had passed leak tests when in fact it failed those tests. See www.grc.com for info on Zone Alarm and to use their fire wall intrusion test to determine the stealth and effectiveness of any firewall you have now or plan on using.

Take care

subliminalnarcotic - April 16, 2011, 9:18 pm

comodo is fast solid and has lots of updates. zone alarm doesnt update too often. comodo also has more options for advanced users.

crossbake - April 16, 2011, 10:08 pm

I started using Comodo a few days ago when my McAfee license expired. I've been really happy with it so far.

xtraesp - April 16, 2011, 10:59 pm

I use online armor I like it more than those two.

Volim te - April 16, 2011, 11:01 pm

Comodo firewall with the defense+ is the best!

Vaksar - April 17, 2011, 4:32 am

Online Armor>Comodo>Zone Alarm

Cricket - April 18, 2011, 4:58 pm

Use Comodo Firewall a great Software, So I Recommend that.

linksku - April 18, 2011, 8:28 pm

I found that ZoneAlarm does not contain the full path when alerting me about whether I want to allow or deny access. For example, an alert box might say "SD is trying to access the Internet". Does Comodo do this?

T3h Hack3r - April 18, 2011, 9:10 pm

I prefer Comodo, I've found that ZoneAlarm tends to prompt the user more asking if they accept "x" to run on their computer.

-mothered- - April 19, 2011, 2:48 am

I've used Zone Alarm a while back, and If not configured correctly upon Installation, I found It to be somewhat annoying with prompts etc..

Not sure If It's Improved since.

Minimal - April 20, 2011, 1:35 pm

Security wise, being prompted to allow connections is the best option, as then you can allow only the connections you trust and any malicious connection is well, human error.

RMustang - April 20, 2011, 7:39 pm

Both are very good and taking either one won't affect your security but I find Zonealarm to be over-protective and annoying with all its messages. Not to mention, it sometimes blocks my application from connecting without my knowledge. Comodo with defense+ is better than regular Zonealarm because Zonelalarm free is only a regular firewall while Comodo with defense+ is a application firewall as well which monitors your system for malicious activity. Currently I am using Comodo with defense+ and I am loving it ?

meister - April 20, 2011, 10:27 pm

(Apr 17, 2011 04:32 AM)[censored] Security Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Online Armor>Comodo>Zone Alarm
What he said ^. Effective and uses less system resources compared to others.

-mothered- - April 21, 2011, 3:30 am

(Apr 20, 2011 01:35 PM)Minimal Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Security wise, being prompted to allow connections is the best option, as then you can allow only the connections you trust and any malicious connection is well, human error.

Yes, and much agree to a certain degree.

From what I can remember with Zone Alarm, the prompts were continuous, even with stuff that really didn't warrant any alerts.

Just annoying.

Eminent Fate - April 21, 2011, 3:38 pm

Comodo for

- *Best firewall

- *Best informative and suggestive pop ups

- *Very nice implementation of a sandbox (Similiar but better then the one of Avast)

- *The best implementation of Classical Hips (Strongest HIPS around)

Villiska - April 22, 2011, 10:27 pm

I think Comodo Firewall is by far one of my favorite programs on my computer. It gets you out of unwanted rough spots and just overall is very good protection to follow up with my AV. I highly recommend it.

Ui Hirasawa - April 22, 2011, 11:53 pm

Comodo is the way to go bro ?

david007 - April 23, 2011, 4:37 pm

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Polymath 1.0 - April 23, 2011, 9:35 pm

(Apr 23, 2011 04:37 PM)david007 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) zone alarm is the best ive used it for years...pluss they did invent the firewall

Not even close to being an accurate statement. Nir Zuk, developed stateful inspection which is used by most current firewalls in 1999. However AT&T Bell Labs literally wrote the book on firewalls in 1994. But firewalls themselves preceded even that by a decade at Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) in 1985. As for Zone Alarm, it lacks a major component that Comodo has, and that is a sandbox. I can not stress how significant a sandbox for process isolation is for protection.

Take care

dismayed - April 25, 2011, 4:49 am

or have booth. Im downloading them right now haha.

Eminent Fate - April 25, 2011, 3:17 pm

(Apr 25, 2011 04:49 AM)5ave Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) or have booth. Im downloading them right now haha. You don't need 6 firewalls when Comodo will outperform all the firewalls you listed.