

[slightly OT]: GUI firewall applications in Linux

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Hi,

I have managed to convince a friend of mine to try out a Linux based machine as a router in the company that he works in. At present, all their computers (around 15 or so) run Windows. They have a router (I think a consumer grade one) through which they connect their lan computers to the internet in some way.

For quite a while he had been complaining about viruses and spyware in this computers. So I suggested he install Firefox and Thunderbird and train users not to use IE or Outlook, run spyware and antivirus and educate users NOT to click on any random links. So far so good. But he still has problems about controlling his network traffic and internet security. So now I have convinced him to install Debian (or some other flavor of Linux) on a machine and make it a jpowerful and fully configurable router.

That is the story. Now, I personally have a firewall script (iptables) set up on my computer. But my friend is not Linux literate at all is not going to be comfortable with bash scripting and vi editor and iptables in the first go. Is there a GUI firewall application for Linux that can be installed on router computers to deal with with various applications: web browsing, email, databases: oracle & siebel, or other Windows stuff?

I am also thinking about suggesting he use spam assassin to block spam coming in or going out. But I haven't touched this subject yet.

My eventual aim is to make him install Ubuntu on a computer or two and let him see how well that performs (though he has some applications in his company that run on Windows only – need IE).

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