

Newbie questions about security

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Hello,

I just managed to configure my server and router and ips yesterday and now I have questions about security. I did a scan of ports and saw the only open are the ones I opened. I also set my router firewall to "standard".

- 1) Must I CLOSE the ports that I don't use? Or just let them not forwarded? (they appeared as STEALTH in the ports scan)
- 2) Should I use an extra firewall in my server plus the one that my router has ? What about Firestarter? Any other good GPL firewall?
- 3) Should I adjust the firewall in my router to something custom, not standard, and what do you recommend me?
- 4) I fear intruders and specially ddos. I saw a IDS called Snort that many people use. What do you think? Any other good GPL IDS?
- 5) Now that I have the server running, y suppose I must stop using gksudo and use only sudo. Not?

Thanks for your answers.

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