

Re: Linux based router/firewall and AOL

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Dave Boland <NODARNSPAMdboland9@xxxxxxxxxxxx> writes:
> I've been reading about some of the linux distributions that act as a
> firewall and router to use on an old computer. The firewall and
> router will serve a few WinXP machines that use AOL broadband (via
> cable modem). Does anyone know if any of them will work with the AOL
> protocol so that all three computers can connect to their AOL accounts
> at the same time? I know it works with TimeWarner RoadRunner (T.W. is
> AOL parent company), but the picture for AOL is unclear.

I used to use old computes and configure them with 2 nic's and make them into linux-based routers. It was fun and educational, but not the best way to go, considering a \$70 Linksys WRT54G or BEFSR41 does the same thing without using nearly as much power and without making any noise.

However, what you propose is still fun and educational if you have the time and don't mind the power and noise use.

AOL doesn't use anything overly revolutionary in terms of networking, so yes, a Linux approach will work with it just fine. Or any other broadband router.

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