Personal firewalls are a necessity for solo users

COMPANY	PRODUCT	PLATFORM	NOTES	PRICE
Aladdin Knowledge Systems Ltd. Arlington Heights, III. 847-808-0300 www.ealaddin.com	SeSafe Desktop	Windows	Combines antivirus with content filtering, blocking and monitoring	\$72
Agnitum Inc. Nicosia, Cyprus www.agnitum.com	Outpost Firewall Pro	Windows	Blocks ads, sites, programs; limits access by specific times	\$40
Computer Associates International Inc. Islandia, N.Y. 631-342-6000 my-etrust.com	eTrust EZ Firewall	Windows	Basic firewall available only by download	\$40/year
Deerfield Canada St. Thomas, Ontario 519-633-3403 www.deerfieldcanada.ca	VisNetic Firewall for Workstations	Windows	Stateful, packet-level firewall for workstations, mobile users or telecommuters	\$101 (Canadian)
Glucose Development Corp. Sunnyvale, Calif. www.glu.com	Impasse	Mac OS X	Full-featured firewall with real-time logging display	\$10
Intego Corp. Miami 512-637-0700 www.intego.com	NetBarrier Personal Firewall	Windows	Full-featured firewall with cookie and ad blocking	\$50
	NetBarrier IO.I	Mac OS X	Full-featured firewall	\$60
	NetBarrier 2.1	Mac OS 8 and 9	Full-featured firewall	\$60
Internet Security Systems Inc. Atlanta 404-236-2600 blackice.iss.net/	Blackice	Windows	Consumer-oriented PC firewall	\$30
	RealSecure Desktop	Windows	Enterprise-grade firewall system for remote, mobile and wireless users	Varies
Kerio Technologies Inc. Santa Clara, Calif. 408-496-4500 www.kerio.com	Kerio Personal Firewall	Windows	Bidirectional, stateful firewall with encrypted remote-management option	\$39
Lava Software Pty. Ltd. Falköping, Sweden 46-0-515-530-14 www.lavasoft.de	AdWare Plus	Windows	Antispyware blocks some advertiser monitoring but isn't intended to block surveillance utilities	\$27
Network Associates Inc. Santa Clara, Calif. 408-988-3832 www.networkassociates.com	McAfee Desktop Firewall	Windows	Blocks port scans and examines all inbound and outgoing packets	\$30

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PepiMK Software Suchen, Germany http://spybot.safer-networking.de/	Spybot Search & Destroy	Windows	Very effective antispyware, even repairs damaged drives	Freeware
PestPatrol Inc. Carlisle, Pa. 717-243-6588 www.pestpatrol.com	PestPatrol	Windows	Fairly effective antispyware with good user interface	\$40
	PestScan	Windows	Free ActiveX-based online spyware scanner	Freeware
Pliris Software (Tucows Inc.) www.pliris-soft.com	Firewalk X2	Mac OS X	Full-featured firewall with packet filtering, compatible with the OS X firewall but independent of it	\$35
Sharp Technology Inc. Houston 713-960-9100 www.sharptechnology.com	HackTracker	Windows	Intrusion blocking and tracking	\$40
Smith Micro Software Inc. Aliso Viejo, Calif. 949-362-5800 www.smithmicro.com	CheckIT 86	Windows	Mainly a pop-up ad blocker	\$20
	CheckIT Firewall	Windows	Real-time and logged intrusion attempt records, bidirectional data protection	\$40
Software Appliance Co. Anacortes, Wash. 866-280-0239 www.softappco.com	FireKeys	Windows	Firewall, antivirus software and more	\$38
	SpyKeys	Windows	Antispyware	\$28
	NetKeys	Windows	Firewall, antivirus, ad blocking and more	\$55
Sustainable Softworks Cumberland, R.I. www.sustworks.com	IPNetSentry	Mac OS	Preconfigured firewall	\$35
Sygate Technologies Inc.	Personal Firewall Pro	Windows	Effectively hides ports but telephone support is expensive	\$40
Fremont, Calif. 510-742-2600 www.sygate.com	Personal Firewall	Windows	Application-based intrusion detection	\$20
Symantec Corp. Cupertino, Calif. 408-725-2738 www.symantec.com	Norton Personal Firewall	Windows	Good basic firewall examines all inbound and outgoing packets	\$30
	Norton Internet Security	Windows	Includes Norton Personal Firewall and Anti-Virus	\$40
	Norton Personal Firewall	Mac OS 9 and OS X	Good basic firewall examines all inbound and outgoing packets	\$70
	Norton Internet Security	Windows	Includes Norton Personal Firewall and Anti-Virus	\$100
	Symantec Client Security	Windows	Managed firewall for mobile and remote users	\$417 for five users
Tiny Software Inc. Santa Clara, Calif. 408-919-7360 www.tinysoftware.com	Tiny Personal Firewall 4.5	Windows	Not tiny and not easy to install, but an effective stateful firewall with special Trojan blocker	\$39
	Tiny Trojan Trap	Windows	Trojan blocking "sandbox" component for use with other firewalls	\$29
	Tiny Personal Firewall Pro 5.0	Windows	Simplifies management of multiple personal firewalls	\$79
Webroot Software Inc. Boulder, Colo. 303-442-3813 www.webroot.com	Spy Sweeper	Windows	Fairly effective, easy-to-use antispyware	\$30
	WinGuardian	Windows	Invisibly blocks access to inappropriate sites	\$40
	MyFirewall Plus	Windows	Bidirectional firewall filters content and verifies application integrity	\$40
Zero-Knowledge Systems Inc. Montreal 514-286-2636 www.freedom.net	Freedom WebSecure	Windows	Blocks malware, cookies and spyware	\$60 per year
	Freedom Firewall	Windows	Real-time intrusion alerts, intrusion logging and more	\$40 per year
Zone Labs Inc. San Francisco 415-341-8200 www.zonelabs.com	ZoneAlarm	Windows	Limited firewall protects permanent IP addresses using DSL or cable modems	\$20
	ZoneAlarm Plus	Windows	More features including e-mail scanning and ad blocking	\$40
	ZoneAlarm Pro	Windows	Full-featured firewall protects permanent IP addresses using DSL or cable modems	\$50
	ZoneAlarm Pro with Web Filtering	Windows	Password-protected blocking for inappropriate sites	\$60