

How to enable the XP firewall

Before you connect your laptop or home PC to the Internet, you should install a firewall, software which can help protect against random attacks by hackers and viruses.

Microsoft Windows XP has a built-in Internet Connection Firewall, which you can enable as follows:

1. Click **Start**, and then click **Control Panel**. Navigate to **Network Connections**
2. Under the **Dial-Up or LAN or High Speed Internet** heading, click the icon to select the connection that you want to help protect.



In the task pane on the left, under **Network Tasks**, click **Change settings of this connection**.



*(As a shortcut, you can right-click the connection you want to help protect, and then click **Properties**.)*

Only enable the firewall on connections to the Internet, or you may become unable to do useful things such as print to a network printer.

3. On the **Advanced** tab, under **Internet Connection Firewall**, tick the box next to **Protect my computer and network by limiting or preventing access to this computer from the Internet**.

After you check the box and close the **Properties** window, the firewall is turned on.



Important

- This is the only box you need to tick.
- This firewall may interfere with some network operations such as file and print sharing, networking-related programs, or online games. If you have a network, we would be happy to recommend a more appropriate firewall product.

Please don't hesitate to contact Syplex Ltd if you have any questions about firewalls, anti virus software, or other security related issues.