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Getting started

Millions of computers are connected to the Internet, and the number increases daily. When you connect to the Internet, you can connect with millions of other computers and those computers can connect with your computer. Unprotected connections to the Internet can leave your computer open to hacker attacks, viruses, Trojan horses, offensive Web sites, and many other Internet threats.

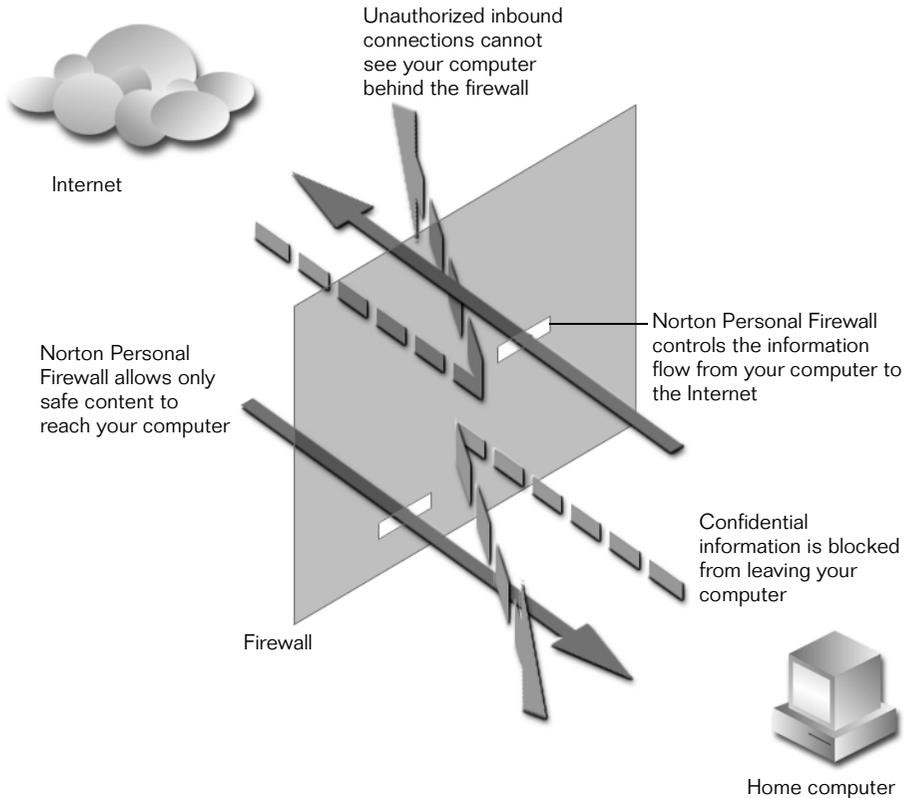
Norton Personal Firewall can help you track everything that happens on your computer. It monitors the Internet to give you peace of mind when you are online. It helps protect your security and your privacy.

What does Norton Personal Firewall do?

Norton Personal Firewall includes Norton Personal Firewall and Norton Privacy Control. Together, they monitor the Internet to give you peace of mind when you are online. Norton Personal Firewall protects your security and Norton Privacy Control protects your personal information.

Norton Personal Firewall provides a barrier called a *firewall* between your computer and the Internet. Firewall programs are filters that block or allow connections and data transmissions on the Internet. By filtering connections and information, firewalls protect you from malicious Internet content.

Norton Personal Firewall uses rules to determine whether to permit or block connections. You can change these rules, permitting or blocking programs from having Internet Access.



Norton Personal Firewall automatically filters most content for you. It automatically determines the best way to protect many popular applications. When an application that Norton Personal Firewall does not recognize attempts to communicate over the Internet, Norton Personal Firewall alerts you, and the Firewall Rule Assistant helps you create a new rule.

ActiveX controls and Java applets are programs that run inside your browser. While most of these programs are useful, some are harmful. Norton Personal Firewall prevents ActiveX controls and Java applets from running without your knowledge, and lets you specify sites where these programs are okay to run.

Norton Privacy

You may not want confidential information, such as credit card numbers, your home phone number, and so on, to be sent un-encrypted over the Internet. Norton Privacy prevents confidential information from being entered on non-secured Web sites.

Cookies are small files stored on your computer that Web sites use to track your visits. Norton Personal Firewall can block cookies and other information your browser normally reports to Web sites, such as email addresses and the previous Web site you visited.

Statistics and logging

Norton Personal Firewall records complete statistics about its operation. It can also log as much of your Internet activities, and the operation of Norton Personal Firewall as you like. It's easy to view either the statistics or the logs.

Installing Norton Personal Firewall

System requirements

To use Norton Personal Firewall, your computer must meet the following minimum requirements:

- 133 MHz Pentium class or faster processor
- Windows 95 OSR2, Windows 98, Windows 98 SE, Windows NT 4.0 Workstation Sp4, Windows 2000 Professional
- 24 MB of memory (32 MB for Windows NT and Windows 2000), additional memory recommended
- 10 MB free disk space
- CD-ROM drive
- Microsoft Windows Internet support
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 4.0, Netscape Navigator 4.0, Opera 4.0, or later browser

Installation procedure

Follow these steps to install Norton Personal Firewall.

To install:

- 1 Start Windows (if it is not already running).
- 2 Insert the Norton Personal Firewall CD into the CD-ROM drive.
- 3 In the opening screen, click Install Norton Personal Firewall and follow the on-screen instructions.

If the opening screen does not appear:

- 1 Double-click the My Computer icon.
- 2 Double-click your CD-ROM drive icon.
- 3 Double-click Cdstart.exe.

Navigating Norton Personal Firewall

To start Norton Personal Firewall, double-click the Norton Personal Firewall icon in the notification area of the Windows taskbar. You can also click the Start button, and then select Programs > Norton Personal Firewall > Norton Personal Firewall, or double-click the Norton Personal Firewall icon on your desktop.



Setting Norton Personal Firewall options

There are several options you can set in Norton Personal Firewall. For example, you can choose whether Norton Personal Firewall starts automatically when you start your computer.

To access Norton Personal Firewall options:

- At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Options.

Updating Norton Personal Firewall with LiveUpdate

LiveUpdate connects to Symantec via the Internet to see if updates are available for the Norton Personal Firewall program and also checks for updates to your Internet protection.

Symantec does not charge for updates to the Norton Personal Firewall program. There is a charge for updating your Internet protection after your free subscription expires. Your normal Internet access fees apply.

If you connect to the Internet through AOL, CompuServe, or Prodigy Internet, first connect to the Internet, then run LiveUpdate.

To update Norton Personal Firewall using LiveUpdate:

- 1 At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click LiveUpdate.
- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions.

About your subscription

Norton Personal Firewall depends on current information to protect your system from new security threats. Update Norton Personal Firewall weekly to keep your system secure with the latest protection from Symantec.

The subscription provides Norton Personal Firewall with the latest security information to keep your system safe:

- Firewall rules that protect against the latest Trojan horse and zombi programs like Back Orifice and Trinoo.

- Lists of the latest applications that use the Internet. These lists make it possible for Norton Personal Firewall to automatically create firewall rules when you use Internet applications. See [“Creating firewall rules automatically”](#) on page 17.

You do not need to register the product to begin using the subscription. When it is time to renew the subscription, click LiveUpdate for renewal instructions.

It is important that you keep your subscription in force. Norton Personal Firewall cannot protect you from new threats without current information from Symantec.

Using help to learn more about Norton Personal Firewall

Norton Personal Firewall provides extensive online help. This help system gives you detailed instructions about how to use all of the Norton Personal Firewall programs.

Norton Personal Firewall includes three kinds of help:

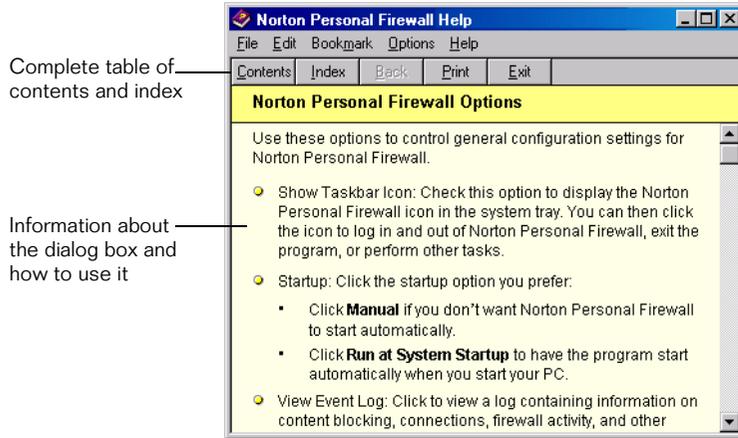
- Help with program dialog boxes
- How To help
- What’s This? help

Help with program windows and dialog boxes

Dialog box help provides information about the Norton Personal Firewall program itself. This kind of help is context-sensitive, meaning that it displays help for the specific dialog box that you are currently using.

To get help with a window or dialog box:

- Click the Tell Me More link if one is available.
- Click the Help button located in the dialog box.



How To help

How To help explains step-by-step procedures you are likely to perform using Norton Personal Firewall. You can access these topics through the Contents or Index tabs. Open the Contents or Index by clicking the Contents or Index button at the top of any help topic.

What's This? help

What's This? help provides a quick definition of an individual component of a window or dialog box.

To access What's This? help:

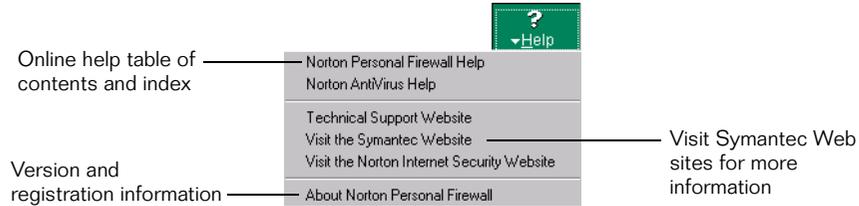
- Right-click anywhere you need help in a window or dialog box and choose What's This?

Getting help from the Help menu

Help is always available from the Norton Personal Firewall window.

To access the Help menu:

- At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Help.



Personalizing Norton Personal Firewall

With Norton Personal Firewall, your computer can be more secure than most other computers on the Internet.

Security

The more time your PC spends connected to the Internet, especially if you have a high speed connection, the more opportunity there is for malicious hackers to break in and create havoc. They can steal files from your computer and even damage its contents. Norton Personal Firewall lets you fully enjoy the Internet while blocking attacks and alerting you to unauthorized connections and attempted intrusions.

- The Personal Firewall uses rules to block or allow communications between your computer and the Internet. It alerts you when a new type of communication is requested, and lets you decide how it should be handled.
- Java applet security prevents or allows Java applets from running on your computer.
- ActiveX control security prevents or allows ActiveX controls from running on your computer. ActiveX controls can be risky because they can have complete access to the data on your computer.
- Your subscription keeps the firewall rules up-to-date.

Privacy

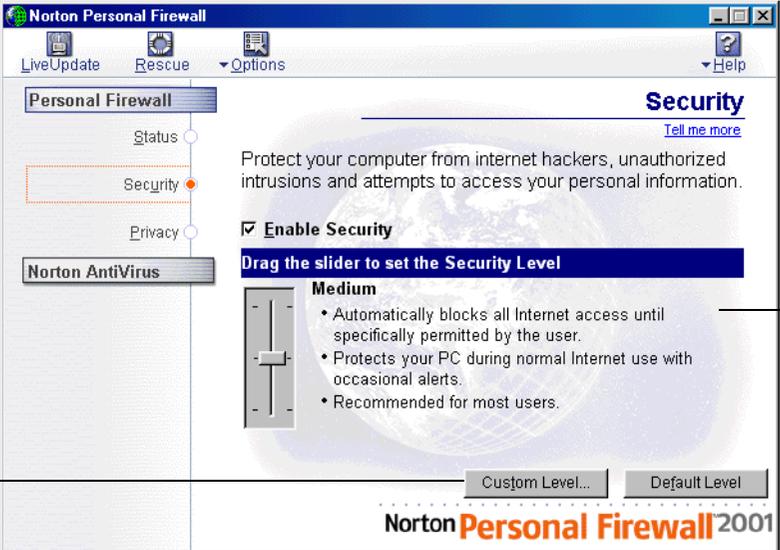
Chances are you have a lot of personal information stored on your PC, including credit-card numbers, online banking details, and confidential financial data. That's why Norton Privacy Control allows you to designate key information that should be protected from unsecured Web sites. It also

prevents Web servers from retrieving your email address without your permission, or tracking your online activities through cookies.

- Confidential information, such as credit-card numbers, can be blocked from unsecure Web sites.
- Web sites use cookies to track your visits. You can block cookie responses when Web sites ask for them.
- Norton Personal Firewall will prevent your browser from sending your email address and the address of the last site you visited without your permission.
- You can disable secure connections, helping to ensure that confidential information is not sent by users that should not send it.

Customizing security features

Change security settings by opening the Security window.



The screenshot shows the Norton Personal Firewall Security window. On the left, there is a navigation pane with 'Personal Firewall' selected, and sub-options for 'Status', 'Security', and 'Privacy'. Below this is 'Norton AntiVirus'. The main area is titled 'Security' and contains the following text: 'Protect your computer from internet hackers, unauthorized intrusions and attempts to access your personal information.' Below this is a checked checkbox for 'Enable Security' and a blue banner that says 'Drag the slider to set the Security Level'. A slider is positioned at the 'Medium' level. To the right of the slider, there are three bullet points: 'Automatically blocks all Internet access until specifically permitted by the user.', 'Protects your PC during normal Internet use with occasional alerts.', and 'Recommended for most users.' At the bottom of the window are two buttons: 'Custom Level...' and 'Default Level'. The Norton logo and 'Norton Personal Firewall 2001' are at the bottom right.

Click Custom Level to create your own settings

Choose from Low, Medium, or High security for this account

The slider allows you to select low, medium, or high security settings. When you change the slider position, it changes the protection level.

Security settings	Description
High	Firewall is set to High, which blocks everything until you allow it. ActiveX control and Java applet blocking is set to Medium, which prompts you each time one is encountered.
Medium	Firewall is set to High, which blocks everything until you allow it. ActiveX control and Java applet blocking is set to none, which allows all ActiveX controls and Java applets to run.
Minimal	Firewall is set to Medium, which blocks known malicious applications. ActiveX control and Java applet blocking is set to none, which allows all ActiveX controls and Java applets to run.

Customizing Norton Personal Firewall

You can change the settings for the Firewall, Java and ActiveX protection levels by clicking Custom Level. This opens the Customize Security Settings dialog box.

Norton Personal Firewall has two settings: High and Medium.

Firewall settings	Description
High	Blocks all communication that you do not specifically allow. You must create firewall rules for every application that requests Internet access.
Medium	Blocks a large list of ports used by harmful programs. However, it can also block useful programs when they use the same ports.

Creating firewall rules automatically

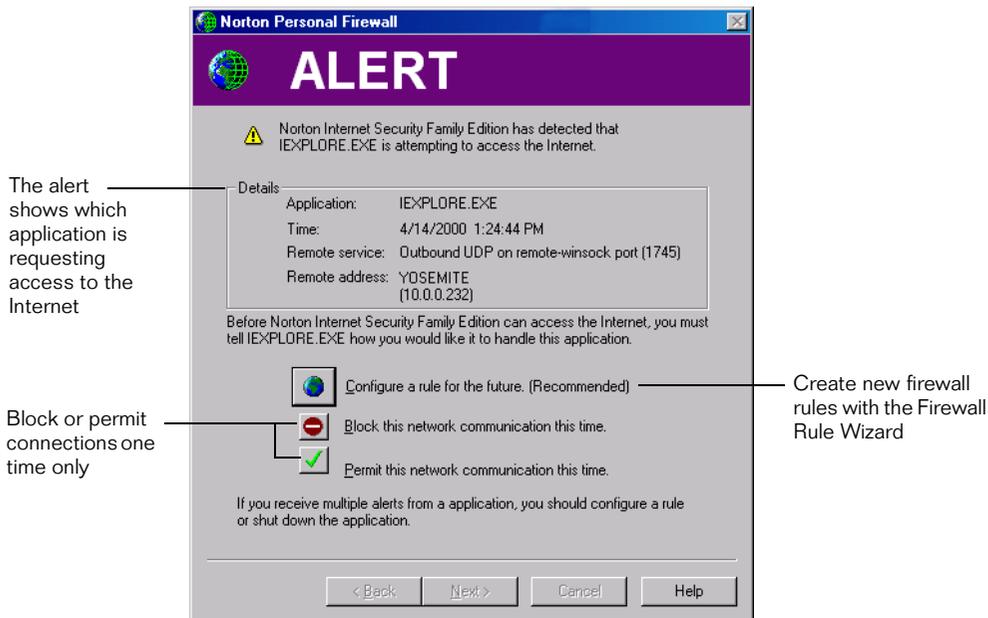
The Norton Personal Firewall subscription includes updated lists of known, reliable programs that communicate over the Internet. These programs include Web browsers, email programs, games, network utilities and many others.

When you use a program that Norton Personal Firewall recognizes, Norton Personal Firewall automatically creates a rule for it with the appropriate firewall settings. To keep your list of Internet-enabled applications current, use LiveUpdate regularly. See [“Updating Norton Personal Firewall with LiveUpdate”](#) on page 11.

Using the Firewall Rule Assistant

The Firewall Rule Assistant is a wizard that helps you set up your firewall. It steps you through the process of defining a rule for any type of communication that is not covered by current firewall rules. Once a rule is in place, the firewall uses the rule to handle future communications automatically.

When Norton Personal Firewall encounters an application for which it has no rules attempting to establish a connection across the Internet, the Firewall Rule Assistant appears.



The Firewall Rule Assistant helps you decide what to do about questionable connections:

- Create a rule for this connection in the firewall database. When there is a rule established for a certain connection, the firewall automatically follows that rule to permit or block the connection.

- Permit the connection this time, but bring up the Firewall Rule Assistant the next time the connection is requested.
- Block the connection this time, but bring up the Firewall Rule Assistant the next time the connection is requested.

When you click Configure A Rule For The Future (Recommended), the Firewall Rule Wizard appears. It leads you through the steps of creating a firewall rule for the application that requested the connection. If you have problems understanding any of the questions or settings in the wizard, right-click the setting and click What's This? for additional information.

Setting Java and ActiveX security levels

Java applets and ActiveX controls make Web sites more interactive and exciting. Many Web sites rely on ActiveX controls and Java applets to perform and appear correctly. Most of these programs are safe and do not threaten your system or data.

However, ActiveX controls can have total access to your data, depending on how they are programmed. They could steal data from your hard disk and transmit it over the Internet while you are online. They could delete files, intercept messages, capture passwords, or even gather banking numbers and other important data.

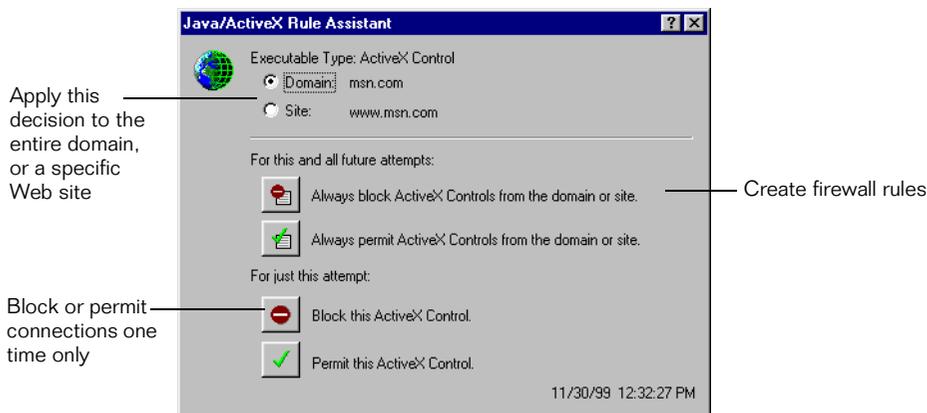
The only way to prevent bad programs from running on your computer is to block them from downloading. However, blocking all Java applets and ActiveX controls prevents many Web sites from appearing or running correctly.

In the Custom Level window for Security settings, the Java Applet Security and ActiveX Control Security features have three options: High, Medium, and None.

Java applet and ActiveX control settings	Description
High	Blocks your browser from downloading any Java applets or ActiveX controls over the Internet. This is the safest, but most inconvenient option. Web sites that rely on these controls may not operate properly with this setting.
Medium	Activates the Java/ActiveX Rule Assistant. This wizard lets you allow, block, or create a rule for every Java applet or ActiveX control that gets downloaded. It can be a lot of work to set up rules every time you come across a Java applet or ActiveX control, but it lets you decide which ones to run.
None	Lets Java applets and ActiveX controls run whenever you download them.

Using the Java/ActiveX Rule Assistant

Norton Personal Firewall contains a Java/ActiveX Rule Assistant that lets you set up rules for different sites. You can block the Java applets and ActiveX controls that you do not trust, and allow those that you do trust.



If you have it turned on, the Java/ActiveX Rule Assistant only appears when you visit a Web site that attempts to utilize one of these technologies.

Do I want to block a domain or a site?

Domains can include several sites; they can be much larger than sites. Blocking a domain like domain.com blocks all the Web sites included in that domain such as sales.domain.com and investor.domain.com as well as domain.com. It also blocks all the Web pages in each of these sites.

Blocking a single site blocks all the Web pages on that site. However, it does not block other sites in the domain. For example, if you block research.domain.com, it does not block sales.domain.com or investor.domain.com.

Safeguarding your privacy

A computer's security features might not always protect your identity and other personal information. Computers and Web sites collect a lot of personal information as you browse the Internet. Norton Privacy Control helps protect your privacy by preventing these types of intrusions.

The screenshot shows the Norton Personal Firewall 2001 interface. The 'Privacy' section is active, displaying a slider set to 'Medium'. The 'Medium' level is described as a 'Good balance between privacy and convenience' and is 'Recommended for most users'. The 'Custom Level...' button is highlighted with an annotation: 'Click Custom Level to create your own settings'. The 'Privacy' tab is selected, and the 'Enable Privacy' checkbox is checked. The 'Confidential Info...' button is also visible.

Choose the level of privacy

Enter confidential information you want to protect

Click Custom Level to create your own settings

The slider lets you select minimal, medium, or high privacy settings.

Blocking confidential information

There are many Web sites that ask for personal information. Without thinking, someone could easily give away information that can jeopardize your privacy or allow others to steal from you.

Norton Personal Firewall allows you to create a list of personal information. When you enter information into this list, Norton Personal Firewall censors the information from all non-secure Web communications.

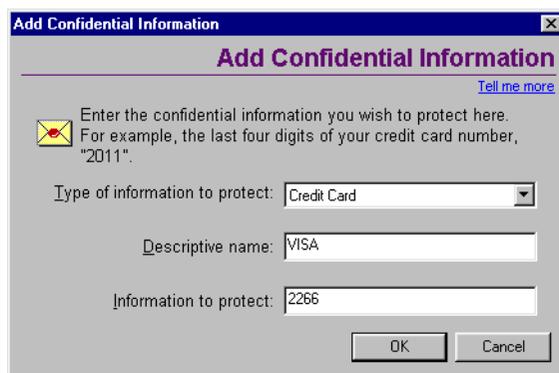
If you are concerned about entering personal information into the program, enter partial information instead. For example, instead of a complete credit card or identification number, enter the last few consecutive digits. Norton Personal Firewall will block the partial number, and thus prevent your credit card number from being transmitted to a Web site.

To block personal information from non-secure Web sites:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 On the left side of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Privacy.
- 3 Set the slider to Medium to be prompted every time someone tries to send protected information over a non-secure Web connection. Set the slider to High to always block confidential information.

To enter confidential information to be blocked:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 On the left side of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Privacy.
- 3 Click Confidential Info.
- 4 In the Confidential Information dialog box, Click Add.



- 5 In the Add Confidential Information dialog box, click a category from the Type Of Information To Protect box.
- 6 In the Descriptive Name field, enter a description that will help you remember why you are protecting the data.
- 7 In the Information To Protect field, enter the information you want to block from being sent through non-secure Web connections.

Note: When you add confidential information to this list, the information applies to all user accounts. Any account that is blocking confidential information will block the same list of information.

Tips on blocking confidential information

Do not enter an entire credit card number or identification number; enter a part of it. This prevents that part of the number from being transmitted to a non-secure Web site, and thus protects the entire number. For example, entering the last four digits of your phone number will protect your entire phone number from being sent over the Internet.

Because Norton Personal Firewall blocks personal information exactly the way you enter it into the program, it is better to enter only partial numbers. For example, a phone number could be typed as 888-555-1234, but it could also be entered without dashes (8885551234) or with spaces (888 555 1234), or even in two or more separate boxes. One thing common about all these formats is that the last four digits (1234) are always together. Thus, you can have better protection by protecting the last four digits than you have by protecting the entire number.

Blocking cookies

Cookies are small files that your browser saves on your computer. Sometimes Web sites use them for information that makes it more convenient for you to use their site.

Cookies that record personal information can jeopardize your privacy by allowing others to access them without your permission. They might contain enough information to show your browsing habits, or they could expose passwords and login names.

When a Web site requests a cookie from your computer, Norton Personal Firewall checks to see whether you are permitting them, blocking them, or using the Cookie Rule Assistant to determine the action.

Using the Cookie Rule Assistant

The Cookie Rule Assistant sets up rules for specific Web sites when it detects a cookie request. You can use it to specify which Web sites you want to allow or block from using cookies. When you create a cookie rule, Norton Personal Firewall remembers the sites where you want to allow cookies, and those you want to block.



For information on using Domain or Site settings, see [“Do I want to block a domain or a site?”](#) on page 21.

Enabling or disabling secure Web connections

When you visit a secure Web site, your browser sets up an encrypted connection with the Web site. Information given over secure connections cannot be detected by a firewall because the information is encrypted. Encryption means that the information is encoded with a mathematical formula, scrambling the data in an unreadable format.

If you want to ensure that confidential information is not sent over secure Web connections, you can block all secure Web connections.

To disable secure Web connections:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 On the left side of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Privacy.
- 3 Click Custom Level.
- 4 In the Custom Privacy Settings dialog box, click to uncheck Enable Secure Connections (https).

Troubleshooting

This chapter answers some of the questions advanced users may have about Norton Personal Firewall.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I turn off Norton Personal Firewall?

There may be circumstances when you want to temporarily suspend a certain protection feature, or even the entire product. Norton Personal Firewall lets you turn specific features off without adjusting the settings.

To temporarily disable Norton Personal Firewall:

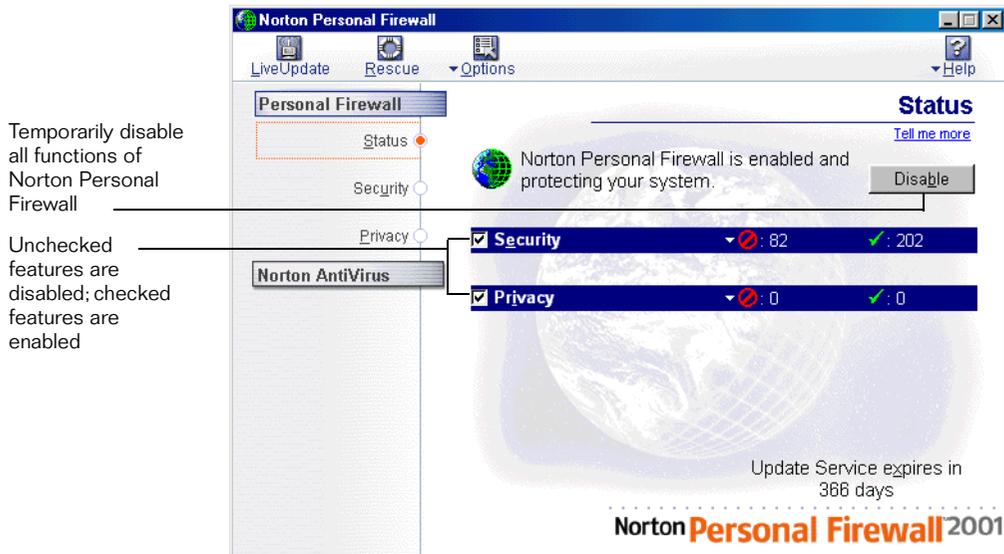
- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 In the Status window, click Disable.

You can also disable Norton Personal Firewall by right-clicking the Norton Personal Firewall icon in the system tray and clicking Disable.

Norton Personal Firewall will be enabled the next time you start your computer.

To temporarily suspend Privacy:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 In the Status window, make sure the options you want to suspend are unchecked.



Closing Norton Personal Firewall

Even when the Norton Personal Firewall window is not open, if the icon appears in the system tray, it is still protecting your system. You can stop Norton Personal Firewall from running in the background.

To disable Norton Personal Firewall:

- 1 In the notification area of the Windows taskbar, right-click the Norton Personal Firewall icon.
- 2 On the menu, click Disable.

Why can't I post information online?

If you are unable to post information to a Web site, it may be because Norton Privacy Control is blocking the information. Check in the Confidential Information list on the Privacy window to see if the information you are trying to enter is being blocked.

To check the information on the Personal Information list:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 On the left side of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Privacy.
- 3 Click Confidential Info.

This opens the list of information that Norton Privacy Control blocks from being transferred to the Internet.

What is wrong with this Web site?

Running Norton Personal Firewall can block certain elements of a Web site that prevent it from displaying correctly in your Web browser. In some cases, the site might not display at all.

In most cases, this is simply Norton Personal Firewall doing its job of protecting you from inappropriate content. Your best solution may be to go to another, more appropriate Web site.

To see if Norton Personal Firewall is blocking the access to the Web site, you can disable Norton Personal Firewall and try the Web site again. Keep in mind that when you disable Norton Personal Firewall, you are turning off the protection it provides to prevent private information from being sent, and inappropriate information from being received. See [“How do I turn off Norton Personal Firewall?”](#) on page 25. If you still cannot connect, there might be a problem with the Internet or your Internet Service Provider.

It could be cookie blocking

Many Web sites require that cookies be enabled on your system to display correctly. If you have cookie blocking turned on and the Web page appears to be blank, turn off cookie blocking and try the page again.

To stop blocking cookies:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 On the left side of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Privacy.
- 3 Click Custom Level.
- 4 Set Cookie Blocking to Medium or None.

It could be a firewall rule

A firewall rule might be blocking the Web site. When this happens, you will usually see a message saying that you could not connect. You can view the firewall rules that have been set up, and determine if a rule is blocking the site. See [“How do I review or change firewall rules?”](#) on page 33.

It could be blocking ActiveX or Java

Some Web sites display only ActiveX controls or Java applets. If you are blocking them, nothing appears on these sites. See [“Setting Java and ActiveX security levels”](#) on page 19.

It could be script blocking

Some Web sites use JavaScript in their navigation controls and in other places. If Norton Personal Firewall is blocking JavaScript or VB Script, it may cause problems with these Web sites.

To stop blocking JavaScript or VB Scripts:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Options.
- 3 Click Advanced Options.
- 4 On the Web tab, click the Active Content tab.
- 5 In the list of Web sites, click the Web site to change, or click Default to change all unlisted Web sites.
- 6 Under Script, click Allow All Script To Execute.

Why doesn't FTP work on older browsers?

Older browsers use a random port when they attempt to open FTP connections. By default, Norton Personal Firewall blocks Internet connections on non-standard ports.

To temporarily resolve this problem, disable the security portion of Norton Personal Firewall. See [“How do I turn off Norton Personal Firewall?”](#) on page 25.

To more completely resolve this problem, install the most recent version of your browser software.

How can a Web site get my browser information?

The Browser Privacy settings prevent your browser from sending out browser information. However, some diagnostic sites on the Internet might report browser information even though the Browser Privacy settings are blocking the information:

- If you are not blocking Java, ActiveX or scripts, the site might be using one of these methods to retrieve the information. See [“Setting Java and ActiveX security levels”](#) on page 19.
- Sometimes when Web servers do not get the information from the browser, they simply use the last piece of browser information they received instead. You might see the information from the last person who viewed the site.

What are inbound and outbound connections?

When another computer on the Internet attempts to open a connection to your computer, it is called an inbound connection. Outbound connections occur when a program on your computer attempts to open a connection to an external computer. Once a connection is open, whether it is inbound or outbound, data can pass through that connection in both directions.

Questions about home networking

You can use Norton Personal Firewall on a home network. However, it is designed to protect a single computer. Installing Norton Personal Firewall on a single computer does not protect other computers on the network from Internet threats.

If you have more than one computer connected to the Internet, purchase and install Norton Personal Firewall for each computer.

How does the firewall work with Internet connection sharing?

If Norton Personal Firewall is installed on the computer with the Internet connection, it behaves as described in this manual for that computer. However, unless it is installed on the computers that share the connection, it ignores all communication being sent to those computers.

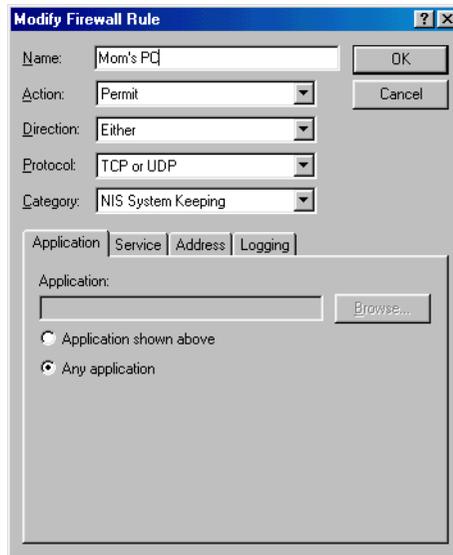
Purchase and install Norton Personal Firewall for each computer sharing the Internet connection.

How does the firewall work with file and printer sharing?

Norton Personal Firewall contains default firewall rules that allow file and printer sharing over NetBIOS networks. If you are using a TCP/IP-based network, you must configure the firewall to recognize the other computers on your network.

To configure the firewall to recognize your networked computers:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Options.
- 3 Click Advanced Options.
- 4 Under the Firewall tab, click Add.



- 5 Enter a descriptive name for the computer you are setting up.
- 6 In the Action field, click Permit.
- 7 In the Direction field, click Either.
- 8 In the Protocol field, click TCP or UDP.
- 9 In the Category field, click NIS System Keeping.
- 10 On the Application tab, click Any Application.
- 11 On the Service tab under Remote Service, click Any Service. Under Local Service click Any Service.

- 12 On the Address tab under Remote Address, click Host Address and enter the TCP address of the other machine.
- If you are setting up more than one machine in this rule, click Address Range and enter the range of addresses on your local network.
 - If you are using two network cards, one connected to the Internet and one connected to the home network, under Local Address click Host Address and enter the address of the computer running Norton Personal Firewall.

This permits any communication on that network card. The other firewall rules apply to the network card connected to the Internet.

After clicking OK, the new firewall rule appears at the bottom of the firewall list. Move the firewall rule to the top of the list so that it runs before any other rules.

To move the firewall rule to the top of the list:

- 1 Click the new firewall rule.
- 2 Click the up arrow repeatedly until the rule appears at the top of the list.

How do I use Norton Personal Firewall with a proxy server?

Proxy servers are computers that act as the single connection to a larger network. If you are using a proxy server, you might need to specify the port that your network uses for Web communications (http). This lets Norton Personal Firewall monitor Web activity.

To monitor a specific port for Web communications:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Options.
- 3 Click Advanced Options.
- 4 On the Others tab, under HTTP Port List, click Add.
- 5 Enter the number for the port that should be monitored.

Refer to the instructions you used to set up your proxy server to determine which ports should be monitored.

Questions about the firewall

Technical information about the firewall and its configurations can be found in the Norton Personal Firewall Help.

To open Help:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Help.
- 3 On the menu, click Norton Personal Firewall Help.

Why doesn't the Firewall Rule Assistant appear?

The Firewall Rule Assistant appears when the firewall detects a program trying to access the Internet, and there are no previous firewall rules blocking or permitting the program's network connection. There are several areas in Norton Personal Firewall where you can block a program so that the Firewall Rule Assistant does not appear.

Use this checklist to make sure the Firewall Rule Assistant appears when needed:

- Turn on the Firewall Rule Assistant. See [“Using the Firewall Rule Assistant”](#) on page 18.
- In the Security window, make sure that the firewall is turned on. You can turn the Security slider to High, or set the firewall to High under Custom Level.
- Make sure there are no rules already covering the program you want to use. See [“How do I review or change firewall rules?”](#) on page 33. If a rule already exists, perhaps you already created it using the Firewall Rule Assistant. Or, if Enable Automatic Firewall Rule Creation is turned on, Norton Personal Firewall automatically created the rule for you. See [“Creating firewall rules automatically”](#) on page 17.
- When someone scans unused ports on your system, you can set Norton Personal Firewall so that it does not alert you unless the connection is successful. This can reduce the number of alerts you might receive.

How do I review or change firewall rules?

Whenever firewall rules are created, they appear in the Norton Personal Firewall Settings window. This window lets you review and change the firewall rules in the firewall database.

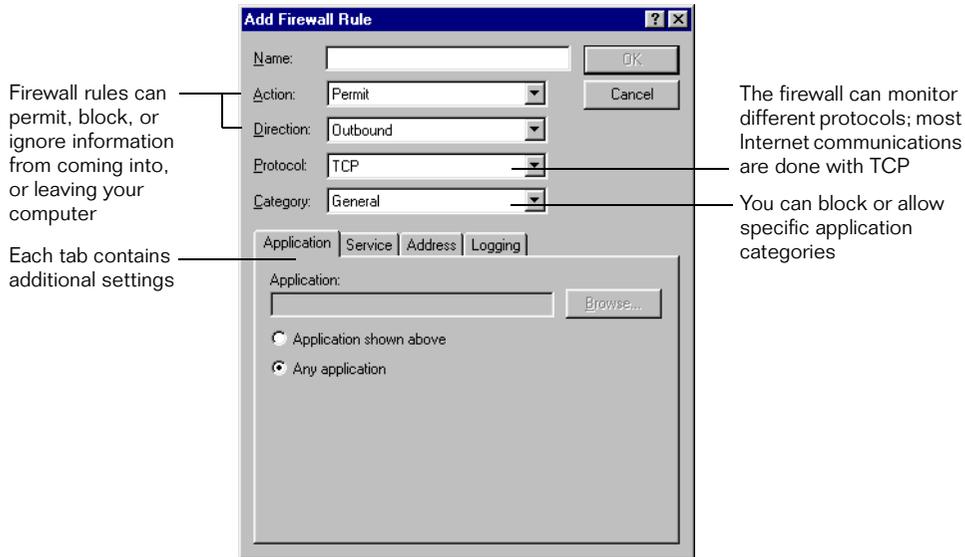
The screenshot shows the 'Norton Personal Firewall Advanced Options' window with the 'Firewall' tab selected. It displays a list of firewall rules and their actions. Annotations provide context for the visual elements:

- Arrows pointing to the computer allow incoming communications:** Points to rules like 'Default Inbound ICMP', 'Default Inbound DNS', 'Default Inbound Bootp', 'Default Inbound NetBIOS', and 'Default Inbound Loopback'.
- Arrows pointing away from the computer allow outgoing communications:** Points to rules like 'Default Outbound ICMP', 'Default Outbound DNS', 'Default Outbound Bootp', 'Default Outbound NetBIOS', and 'Default Outbound Loopback'.
- Blocked arrows show rules that block inbound or outbound communications:** Points to 'Block Ping' (inbound) and 'Block access to secure sites' (outbound).
- Adjust the order in which the firewall rules run:** Points to the up and down arrow buttons at the bottom of the rule list.

Firewall Rule	Rule Action Summary
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Block Ping	ICMP: Echo Request
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Inbound ICMP	ICMP: Any Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Outbound ICMP	ICMP: Any Type
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Inbound DNS	domain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Outbound DNS	domain
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Inbound Bootp	bootpc
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Outbound Bootp	bootp
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Inbound NetBIOS	nbdatagram, nbname
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Outbound NetBIOS	nbdatagram, nbname
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Inbound Loopback	localhost
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Default Outbound Loopback	localhost
<input type="checkbox"/> Block access to secure sites	https
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LiveUpdate	http, 81, 82, 83, https, socks, hit..
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LiveUpdate	update.symantec.com: ftp-data, f...
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To review or change individual firewall rules:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Options.
- 3 Click Advanced Options.
- 4 On the Firewall Tab, click the rule to view.
- 5 Click Modify.



If two firewall rules cover the same issue, which one runs?

When Norton Personal Firewall detects a program attempting to access the Internet, it reads through the list of firewall rules to find any directions on permitting or blocking the connection. As soon as it finds a rule that matches, it stops looking for additional rules. If you have a rule that should run before another rule, you can change the order of the rules.

To change the order of the rules:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Options.
- 3 Click Advanced Options.
- 4 On the Firewall tab, click the firewall rule to move.
- 5 Click the up arrow or down arrow to move the selected rule.

What purpose do the default firewall rules serve?

There are several default rules already set up in the firewall when you first install it. This default list changes according to the options you set in the Security window:

- The Default Inbound DNS and Default Outbound DNS rules permit the use of the domain name service (DNS) for Internet connection. The DNS translates Web site addresses from host names like `www.symantec.com` to IP addresses like `127.0.0.1`.
- The Default Inbound Bootp and Default Outbound Bootp rules permit the use of the bootp service. Bootp is short for bootstrap protocol, which enables a machine to discover its own IP address.
- The Default Inbound Loopback and Default Outbound Loopback rules permit your computer to connect to itself while testing network connections.
- The Default Inbound ICMP and Default Outbound ICMP rules permit ICMP messaging. The ICMP protocol lets your computer determine how to send information over a network like the Internet.
- There are several additional default rules that block common Trojan horse programs like Back Orifice and NetBus.

If I delete the default firewall rules, can I get them back?

Yes, but the process requires that you delete all existing rules first, including any custom rules you created.

To restore the original default firewall rules:

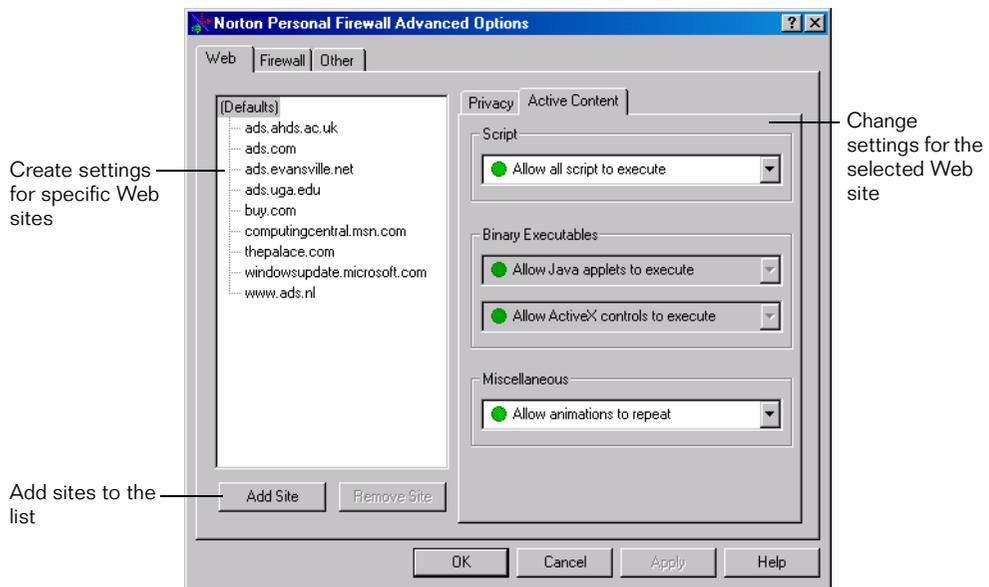
- 1 Delete all the firewall rules.
- 2 Find the `firewall.dat` file on your computer.
To open the search program, click the Start Button and then select Find > Files or Folders. (On Windows 2000, it is Search > For Files or Folders.)
- 3 When you find `firewall.dat`, rename it to `firewall.reg`.
- 4 Double-click `firewall.reg` to import it into the Registry.

Can I create settings for specific Web sites?

You can create Privacy and Active Content settings for specific Web sites using the Norton Personal Firewall Settings dialog box. First, set up Norton Personal Firewall the way you want it to apply to all Web sites in general. Then follow these directions to create rules or settings for specific Web sites.

To create settings for specific Web sites:

- 1 Open Norton Personal Firewall.
- 2 At the top of the Norton Personal Firewall window, click Options.
- 3 Click Advanced Options.



- 4 On the Web tab, click Add Site and enter the Web site address for the site for which you are changing the settings.
After you click OK, the new site appears in the Web site list.
- 5 In the list of Web sites, click the Web site to change.
- 6 Click the Privacy or Active Content tab and change the settings for this site.

The window shows the settings for any Web site you have selected in the Web list. If you select Defaults, the window shows the settings for all Web sites that are not listed.

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