



FIREWALL: HOW DOES IT WORK?



A firewall is a network security device that monitors and filters incoming and outgoing network traffic based on an organization's security policies. It essentially acts as a protective barrier between a private internal network and the public Internet.

Configure Firewall on your Computer...

- Click the **Start** button and type Windows Firewall in the search box.
- Click Windows Firewall and then click Allow a program or feature through Windows Firewall.
- Click the **Change** settings button.
- If a User Account Control window appears, click Yes, or
- Enter your username and password, then click OK

Use firewall on router

- Access the router's configuration page.
- Locate an entry labeled Firewall (or similar).
- Select Enable.
- Select Save and Apply.
- Wait while the router restarts.
- Add firewall rules and access control lists to meet your security needs.

· Use firewall on server

From the Start menu, select Control Panel, select System and Security, and then choose Windows Firewall. > Select Advanced Settings. > Select Inbound Rules > Select New Rule in the Actions window > Choose the Port rule type > Select Next > On the Protocol and Ports page, choose TCP > Select Specific Local Ports and enter a value of 80 > Select Next > On the Action page, select Allow the connection > Select Next > On the Profile page, select the appropriate options for your environment > Select Next > On the Name page, enter the name of ReportServer (TCP on port 80) > Select Finish > Restart the computer.

Allow Internet Access Through Firewall

Go to Start and open Control Panel > Select System and Security > Windows Defender Firewall > Choose Turn Windows Defender Firewall on or off > Select Turn on Windows Defender Firewall for domain, private, public network settings.

Turn Microsoft Defender Firewall on-off

Select Start, then open Settings > Select a network profile: Domain Private, or Public Network > Under Microsoft Defender Firewall switch the setting to On> To turn it off, switch the setting to Off.

Advantages of Using Firewalls

- It provides enhanced security and privacy from vulnerable services.
- It prevents unauthorized users from accessing a private network.
- It provides faster response time and can handle more traffic loads.
- It allows easily handle and update the security protocols.
- It safeguards networks from phishing attacks.

Use a network firewall to:

- Secure the firewall.
- Establish firewall zones and an IP address structure.
- Configure access control lists (ACLs)
- Configure other firewall services and logging.
- Test the firewall configuration.