

Symantec™ Client Firewall

About Symantec™ Client Firewall

Symantec Client Firewall includes a client application to protect workstations and administration programs to simplify the management of protection.

Symantec Client Firewall includes three key components:

- Symantec Client Firewall client
- Symantec Client Firewall Administrator
- Symantec Packager

Symantec Client Firewall client

Symantec Client Firewall protects computers from hackers, protects user privacy, and blocks unwanted sources of network traffic. Symantec Client Firewall includes data and default rules to validate and permit well-known applications to access the Internet. At the same time, the rules block the activity of known Trojan horse programs, which masquerade as useful programs while performing unwanted backdoor activity. Symantec Corporation provides updated data as necessary.

Symantec Client Firewall includes the following features:

- **Internet Status:** Provides a snapshot of a computer's network activity that you can use to identify ongoing attack attempts and review how program settings affect protection.
- **Client Firewall:** Protects computers from Internet hackers and unauthorized intrusions. Makes computers virtually invisible to others on the Internet. Also protects remote and mobile users from hacker attacks and prevents these systems from being used by hackers to gain backdoor access to the corporate network.
- **Intrusion Detection:** Detects and blocks malicious traffic and attempts by outside users to attack computers.
- **Privacy Control:** Provides several levels of control over the types of information that users and Web browsers can send over the Internet.

Symantec Client Firewall Administrator

Symantec Client Firewall Administrator is a standalone application used to configure firewall client policies. Symantec Client Firewall Administrator includes most of the settings needed to configure firewalls, and the means to save the settings in a policy package that is rolled out to the clients.

With Symantec Client Firewall Administrator, you can do the following:

- Configure and edit firewall rules and client settings for multiple installations of the firewall client.
- Save different configurations in multiple packages for roll out to different groups of clients.
- Import configuration data from a local firewall, and save the data to a rules package.
- Display and configure firewall rules categorized as System-Wide, Application, or Trojan Horse rules.
- Verify the authenticity of applications that access the Internet.
- Configure client settings, including user access level, degree of firewall protection, intrusion detection, accessibility, and blocking.
- Create Trusted and Restricted Zones for IP addresses.

Symantec Packager

Symantec Packager lets you create, modify, and build custom installation packages that you distribute to target systems. Using Symantec Packager, you can tailor installations to fit your corporate environment, building packages that contain only the features and settings that your users need.

Symantec products included in installation packages are protected by copyright law and the Symantec license agreement. Distribution of packages requires a license for each user who installs the package.

You can also create custom commands in conjunction with Symantec Client Firewall, to create and roll out firewall policy packages.

Getting started

You should read the following before planning your installation:

- **Readme file:** Contains late-breaking information about installing and using Symantec Client Firewall. This file is located on the Symantec Client Firewall CD.
- *Symantec Client Firewall Implementation Guide:* Contains information about performing administrative tasks, such as how to create and manage policies, rules, and pRules, control access to protected computers, customize intrusion detection, configure client settings, and manage client log data.

Where to find more information

Other sources of information on using Symantec Client Firewall include the following:

- *Symantec Client Firewall Client Guide*
- *Symantec Packager Implementation Guide*
- Online Help (includes all of the information contained in the *Symantec Client Firewall Client Guide*, the *Symantec Packager Implementation Guide*, and more)

All of the documentation is available in the Docs folder on the Symantec Client Firewall CD. Updates to the documentation are available from the Symantec Technical Support and Platinum Support Web sites.

Additional information is available from the Symantec Web sites listed in the table.

Types of information	Web address
Public knowledge base	http://www.symantec.com/techsupp/enterprise/
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Contact options	
Virus information and updates, security advisories, and removal tools	http://securityresponse.symantec.com
Product news and updates	http://enterprisesecurity.symantec.com
Platinum support Web access	https://www-secure.symantec.com/platinum/