

CS155 - Firewalls

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Why Firewalls?

- Need for the exchange of information; education, business, recreation, social and political
- Need to do something useful with your computer
- Drawbacks; unsolicited attention and bugs

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- There are a lot of people on the Internet
- Millions of people together -> bad things happen
- True for cities; it is true for the Internet
- With the Internet...
 - Everyone is in your backyard!
 - You can be scoped out at any time from anywhere
 - The community discourages neighborhood watch like activities (a hot potato!)