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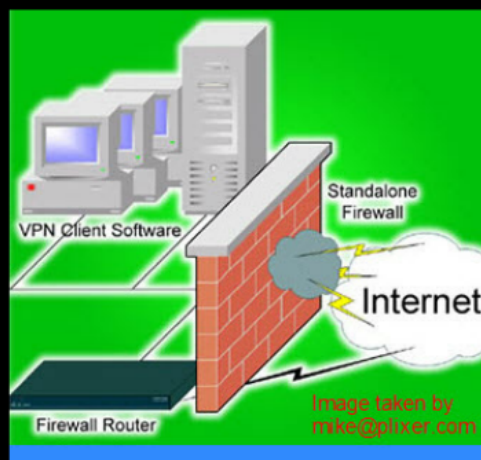


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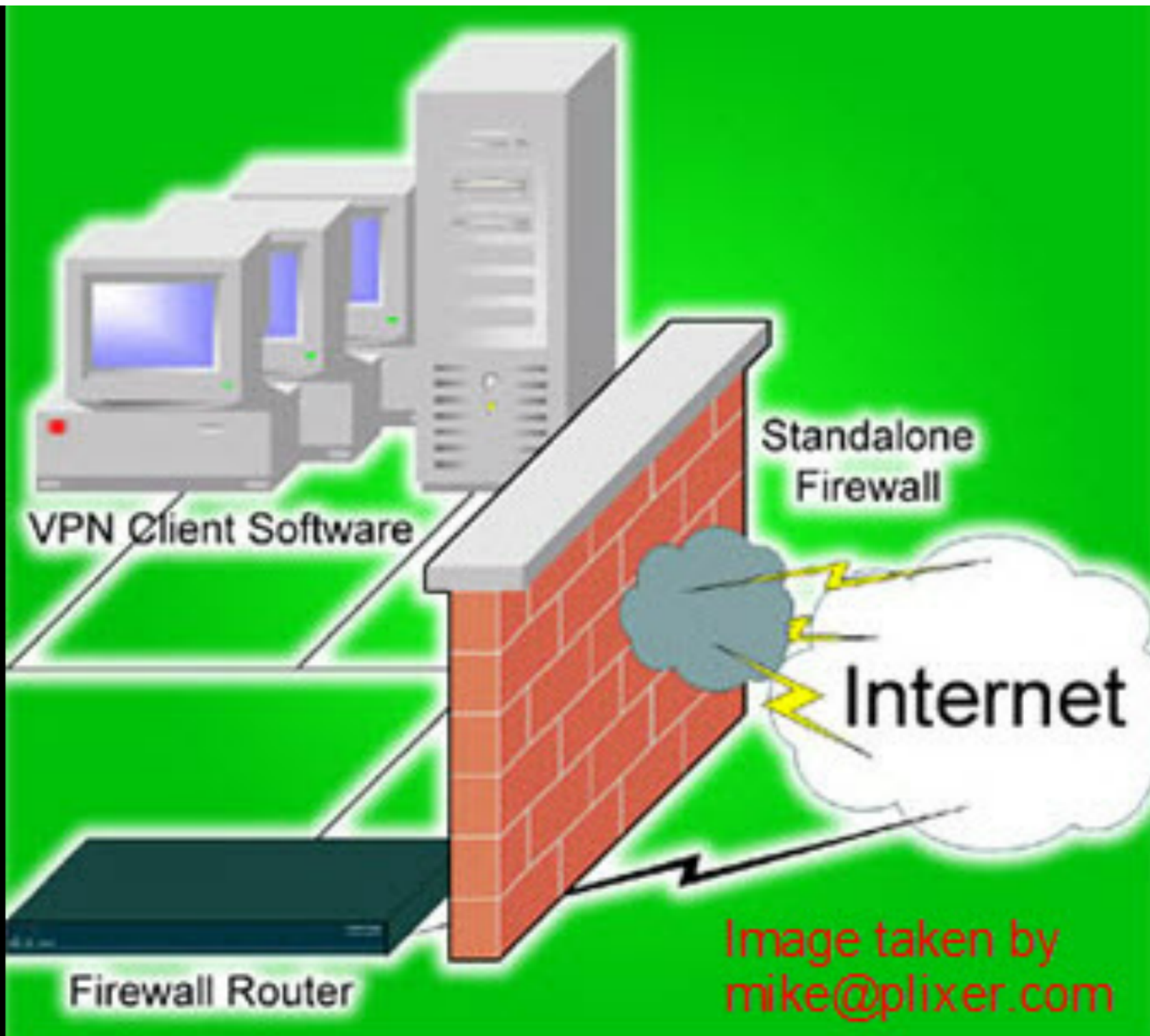


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Who would want to use one (or more)?

- : often use them in order to keep safe when accessing the Internet.
- : typically use them for the same reasons as other businesses.
- : uses them to keep confidential information secret. Some governments use them to control what their country's citizens view or know.
- : can and should use firewalls for protection against...

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