What is a firewall?
Firewall is a system designed to stop illegal access to computer or a private network. Firewalls can be developed in both hardware and software or a combination of both.

What does a firewall do? What is its purpose?
Firewalls are frequently used to stop unauthorized internet users from accessing private network linked to the internet especially intranets. All messages go through to the intranets pass through the firewalls, which examines each message and block those that do not meet the specified security criteria.