

Re: best antivirus solution for a Mac.

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Common sense is, and I hope everyone knows this, but when a new software OS comes out, who the hell really installs it the day of release? As we all know, new software releases, in the beginning stage of release, have to go through an extensive daily usage before it can even be updated for bugs and fixes. My point is, there isn't any complaints what so ever with any MAC OS because usually after 3 months after release all bugs, fixes and most of the securities are updated, so that is when you should really install.

>From experience, with any software, I give a 3-6 month break-in period before I start making drastic changes, but then again , there are the impatient people that have to do everything right away and most of the time those people become the "test dummies".

Hope my advice of being patient is help. No offense to anyone, but there is nothing to complaint about Macs and plenty with Windows. Did we forget who really invented Windows? How can Microsoft perfect something that was initiated by APPLE/IBM.

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On 12/30/04 13:08, in article 1re8t0pgb59p6i316nkntn1pmaecpd2o5i@4ax.com, "zodor" <not@home.com> wrote:

*> Coach, it doesn't bother me to have you jump in. After all, the
> purpose of Usenet is to share ideas. I would hope that people can do
> so in a rational, intelligent manner. Flames are not needed and
> insults are for the small minded who have no other argument to
> present.
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> I have experienced some problems with Windows. I did not in anyway
> say that it is perfect, although I have to admit that I am far happier
> with XP than any of the previous versions. It is much more stable and
> does operate faster, especially on loading. For what it is worth, I
> have also experienced problems with OS X as I stated in my previous
> message.
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> As for security patches, Apple has had their fair share of patches and
> updates for Panther in the last year too. As a matter of fact, The*

- > laptops that I setup at a school last here have had 2 major service
- > packs and several security updates. If you aren't running Software
- > Update at least weekly, you are asking for problems.
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- > Yes Windows has had some security problems in the past and more will
- > be found in the future. The same can be said for OS X and Linux/Unix.
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- > The proliferation of viruses can be attributed in part to that, but
- > also to the mindset of the folks writting them. Most are Script
- > Kiddies who are only interested in causing as much havoc as they can,
- > in this vein they target the most popular OS. Add in a large number
- > of people who aren't careful in their networking and you have a
- > problem.
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- > Most Antivirus programs can be setup to automate their update process
- > as well as scans. Both of my computers, as well as the computers in
- > the office, automatically launch a full system scan every night at
- > 11:30. I am not using the computer then so it isn't a problem for me.
- > I get a report on the screen in the morning, but I haven't had a viral
- > infection in quite some time.
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- > AdWare and SpyWare is a problem on both platforms. Some of it is
- > written in Java which goes both ways. Others are Cookies and they can
- > be turned off using the browser security settings.
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- > I think that it is great that you are productive on a Mac. After all,
- > that is what computing is all about. I am also happy that a Mac has
- > helped your mother. I just find the people that look at either
- > platform with rose colored glasses to be tiresome. I once had a
- > teacher tell me that I was out of touch with reality and a moron
- > because I didn't see her Mac as the greatest invention of all time.
- > That kind of worship of a tool, I don't understand.
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- > I will say this. If Steve Jobs and Apple had allowed clone
- > manufacturers in 1984 when they released the first Mac, I believe that
- > they would have buried Mircrosoft. But hindsight is 20-20.