

Re: How much protection?

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Of all those applications, only AVG is an anti-virus application, and the Malicious Software *Removal* Tool is not an installed application nor does it provide any real-time protection.

Some would consider the real-time protections afforded by SAS, Ad-Aware 2007, Spybot, and Defender to be overkill. I'm one of them, but YMMV. If it were my machine (and your browsing habits were as safe as mine), I'd uninstall SAS, Ad-Aware, and Spybot...and replace AVG with something more reliable and robust. Again, YMMV. One size does not necessarily fit all here.

This is what's really important:

Before You Connect a New Computer to the Internet
http://www.cert.org/tech_tips/before_you_plug_in.html

Also see:

Security FAQ & Checklist
<http://www.dslreports.com/faq/8463>

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slick1 wrote:

After reading many and various posts in this and other Newsgroups, I am a little curious and confused by what I read on the topic of how much

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protection one needs on their system.

All MVP's seem to agree that only one Firewall is needed; good! But many MVP's seem to disagree on how much anti-virus protection one needs. Some say only one is needed, while others say two, three or even more are needed.

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Now my question is : Do I need all this anti-virus protection or just one or two? I get a little ticked having to update definitions all the time and having my system slowed down while I'm trying to work because an anti-virus program is running at the same time. I could also use the disk space and possibly, (hopefully), speed-up the boot time. My System: Acer 2450 laptop

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I would really appreciate any info or comments on this topic so I can finally make a decision to remove or not to remove some of my anti-virus programs. THANK-YOU !