

Re: question re: free a/v software

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i did it ! dumped mcafee for avast .
i don't know why i took so long .
one question , is it advisable to disable e-mail
scanning in avast ?
thanks to everyone for their input .
dick

"Ken Blake, MVP" <kblake@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
news:egqh1498njv5rfktlu4mkvgbe5fcsih69b@xxxxxxxxxx

On Wed, 30 Apr 2008 15:29:42 -0400, "D." <wdstk@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

O.K. is free avast better than mcafee security center ?

Avast is very much better than McAfee.

As far as I'm concerned, there's only one available product I know of
that isn't better than McAfee, and that's Norton.

i'm fairly sure i know the answer but i want to hear
it from the pros .

dick

"Ken Blake, MVP" <kblake@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
message
news:3ofh14hasdm8qdjo82ia4n8tsje9uvtb0@xxxxxxxxxx

On Wed, 30 Apr 2008 12:45:40 -0400, "D." <wdstk@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

does free a/v software provide

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adequate security ?

That depends on what you are asking.

If you're asking whether all free anti-virus programs are good, the answer is no (but neither are all paid-for anti-virus programs).

If you are asking whether the best free anti-virus program is as good as the best paid-for anti-virus program, the answer is still no, although the better free ones are very good and are close to the best paid-for ones.

If you are asking whether **any** anti-virus alone provides adequate security, the answer is also no. For adequate security, you also need to run a firewall program, and two or more anti-spyware programs.

Also note that some of the most well-known and most commonly-used anti-virus programs are among the poorest available—for example, Norton and McAfee.

My personal choice of anti-virus software is NOD32 (a paid-for product) but the free version of Avast is close behind it.

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