

Re: Nortons Or McAfee Or ???????

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EmGee wrote:

Sorry if this is posted into the wrong group.

In the past I've seen posted many complaints regarding McAfee Internet Security and Nortons System Works.

I need to purchase a similar program but I'm worried about the complaints I see from people more experianced than I and also the cost of purchasing these programs.

Is there a better, more system friendly and less resource hungry alternative?

You go to the sites and you only get the hype.

I'd put more trust in the replies to this post.

TIA

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Ps. If this is the wrong group, where should I be posting it?

You'll get nearly as many differing opinions as you will responses.

I'll start by saying that I don't think any security "suite" is a good choice. It'd be better to use smaller, less-resource-draining stand-alone products. And, having had personal experience with Verizon's business practices, I certainly wouldn't trust anything they offer. Even if the product/service itself is fine, there'll be hidden costs and "unadvertised" conditions and limitations associated with it.

I used, and recommended, Norton Antivirus and then Norton Internet Security, for many years, on Win98, WinNT, Win2K, and WinXP, all without any significant problems. I had used McAfee prior to that. But it's been several years since I've been tempted to try McAfee products. Their quality seemed to take a steep nose-dive after they were acquired by Network Associates.

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However, when my subscription to Symantec's updates for Norton Internet Security 2002 came up for renewal (at a cost substantially higher than the preceding year's subscription), I decided to try less expensive solutions. I downloaded and installed the free version of GriSoft's AVG (http://www.grisoft.com/us/us_dwnl_free.php). It proved to be easily installed, easy to use, and quite effective. Additionally, I was pleasantly surprised to see a small but very noticeable improvement in my PC's performance, once I'd replaced the Symantec product. Another free (for personal use) anti-virus product is AVAST! 4 Home Edition (http://www.avast.com/eng/avast_4_home.html), which is what I'm currently using without problems on Vista Business.

For a recent comparison of anti-virus products:

Retrospective / ProActive Test
<http://www.av-comparatives.org/>

Bruce Chambers

Help us help you:
<http://www.catb.org/~esr/faqs/smart-questions.html>

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx/kb/555375>

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.
~Benjamin Franklin

Many people would rather die than think; in fact, most do. ~Bertrand Russell

The philosopher has never killed any priests, whereas the priest has killed a great many philosophers.
~ Denis Diderot

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