

Re: Viruses, spyware etc

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Bill Ridgeway wrote:

- > *Over this weekend I have been trying to eliminate spyware / rogue*
- > *dialler which despite the efforts of Norton Internet Security and*
- > *various spyware software will not go away. All the software I have*
- > *tried have detected a threat(s) only some of which are dealt with*
- > *only to change and reappear maybe two re-boots later. I'm convinced*
- > *it is morphing or hiding somehow.*
- > *This raises the question is there any independent research showing the*
- > *strengths and weaknesses of the various anti-virus software in*
- > *detecting and eliminating virus, spyware etc threats. I am*
- > *particularly interested in protection for stand-alone computers not*
- > *large systems. Googling for this information is unreliable as the*
- > *software producers seem to be also good at producing convincing*
- > *reports in their favour.*

I know of no definitive studies – just experience from dozens of frequent responders here and elsewhere pointing to some of the best software for such things. My list for AntiVirus and AntiSpyware follows:

AntiVirus:

Symantec (Norton) AntiVirus (~\$11 and up)

http://www.symantec.com/nav/nav_9xnt/

Kaspersky Anti-Virus (~\$49.95 and up)

<http://www.kaspersky.com/products.html>

Panda Antivirus Titanium (~\$39.95 and up)

<http://www.pandasoftware.com/>

(Free Online Scanner: <http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/>)

AVG Anti-Virus System (Free and up)

<http://www.grisoft.com/>

McAfee VirusScan (~\$11 and up)

<http://www.mcafee.com/>

AntiVir (Free and up)

<http://www.free-av.com/>

avast! (Free and up)

<http://www.avast.com/>

Trend Micro (~\$49.95 and up)

<http://www.trendmicro.com/en/home/us/personal.htm>

(Free Online Scanner:

http://housecall.trendmicro.com/housecall/start_corp.asp)

RAV AntiVirus Online Virus Scan (Free!)

<http://www.ravantivirus.com/scan/>

AntiSpyware:

Lavasoft AdAware (Free and up)

<http://www.lavasoft.de/support/download/>

(How-to: <http://snipurl.com/atdn>)

Spybot Search and Destroy (Free!)

<http://www.safer-networking.net/en/download/index.html>

(How-to: <http://snipurl.com/atdk>)

Bazooka Adware and Spyware Scanner (Free!)

<http://www.kephyr.com/spywarescanner/>

(How-to: <http://snipurl.com/ate3>)

SpywareBlaster (Free!)

<http://www.javacoolsoftware.com/sbdownload.html>

(How-to: <http://snipurl.com/ate6>)

IE-SPYAD (Free!)

<https://netfiles.uiuc.edu/ehowes/www/resource.htm>

(How-to: <http://snipurl.com/ate7>)

CWShredder (Free!)

http://www.softbasket.com/download/s_8114.shtml

Hijack This! (Free)

<http://mjc1.com/mirror/hjt/>

(Tutorial: <http://hjt.wizardsofwebsites.com/>)

ToolbarCop (Free!)

<http://windowsxp.mvps.org/toolbarcop.htm>

Browser Security Tests

<http://www.jasons-toolbox.com/BrowserSecurity/>

Popup Tester

<http://www.popuptest.com/>

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The Cleaner (49.95 and up)

<http://www.moosoft.com/>

Avoid AntiSpyware Applications on this list:

Rogue/Suspect Anti-Spyware Products & Web Sites

http://www.spywarewarrior.com/rogue_anti-spyware.htm

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The information is provided "as is", it is suggested you research for yourself before you take any advice - you are the one ultimately responsible for your actions/problems/solutions. Know what you are getting into before you jump in with both feet.