

Replacing MS's Antivirus Software

According to Makeuseof's web site, at least, Microsoft's antivirus software ain't what it used to be and should be replaced.

Anybody got a solution they are happy with? Ben, I know you recommended MS's Security Essentials at one point. That still the case?

I have to admit I'm not as fond of it as I once was. It hasn't been as good lately. I still recommend it as a free and not bad solution especially for home users, but given a little bit of budget I'd prefer to do ESET's NOD32 (Business Endpoint Antivirus)

We use Vipre as part of our managed services suite quite a bit and it seems to do a pretty good job.

Nothing replaces good old don't do stupid stuff common sense though. Be careful what websites you go to, be skeptical of ALL email attachments regardless of the apparent source, etc.

Disclaimer: Still never been a lawyer.

Ben M. Schorr, Arizona

My long-time computer guy says I'm pretty well covered with Avast!, SUPERAntiSpyware, and Malwarebytes. They auto-start when I boot up, and they'll scan again about 10 hours later. So far, so good. I get one- and two-year subscriptions. They update at least once a day.

CJ Stevens, Montana

Thanks, Ben, I appreciate the input. Do you like the full ESET suite or just the antivirus?

Kevin W. Grierson, Virginia

Just the antivirus (from any vendor) generally. Those full suites tend to be fairly bloated.

I'll install the full suite for grandma to help her keep safe. For business users I tend to just install the antivirus.

Ben M. Schorr

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My subscription to MS Forefront Client Security is up for renewal in September. My IT consultant is telling me to use Malwarebytes Endpoint Security (for business) instead. Cost is \$49.95 per license.

Peter T. Clark, Massachusetts

Not Ben, but I've used NOD32 (AV only) for some years now and it seems quite good. It doesn't overburden the system, so although it updates its signature regularly, you never notice it. I also scan with the free Malwarebytes once a week.

Anne Pohli, Texas

Does the Malwarebytes Endpoint act as a replacement for Security Essentials? Also, does the Endpoint act so that the user does not need to regularly use the free Malwarebytes product in addition?

Thanks for these email messages!

Roberta Fay, California

Ben set me up with a combination of NOD32 anti-virus, Malwarebytes and CCCleaner. Way less expensive than Avast! had been and seems to be doing better for me than Avast! So far, I've been very satisfied, particularly at the outset when the combo of the three caught and quarantined a bunch of stuff that got through Avast! Hope this helps. Thx.

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<http://www.eset.com/ch-en/business/products/v4antivirus/>

ESET NOD32 Antivirus 4 Business Edition --- this is the product that we are discussing, I guess. If I am mistaken, please reply with the correct info/link.

Thanks to all of you for this thread.

Roberta Fay

Yes, that's it! Good luck.

Lyza L. Sandgren

I use Kaspersky Total Security here, behind an full-fledged appliance that has antivirus among its capabilities.

Darrell G. Stewart, Texas

I personally use F-Secure, primarily because it costs me nothing as Charter provides it to me for free for multiple computers. Not sure what I'd use if I didn't get to use F-Secure at no additional cost to me.

Lesley Hoenig, Michigan

I went to this website and got confused. Do I want Eset NOD 32 Antivirus Bus. Ed. Ver. 4.2.76.0? The download window asks for an operating system. I have Windows 8.1, 64-bit. The closest option is "Microsoft Windows XP/Vista/7". Do I really want a product that doesn't appear to know that Windows 8 has been out for a year or so? The changelog for this version says it ADDED scanning of messages in Outlook 2010. I have Outlook 2013. BTW, the "non-business" version is up to 6 something, instead of 4 something. How up-to-date can this thing be?

John Varde, Illinois

I'm on my own completely and have had to take my computers to a fix it so locally. I really like them. They told me AVG would be fine and that's what I have now. Extremely simple and appears to do a good job. But what the heck do I know?!

Ben? Is this good enough? I have a secretary starting tomorrow and I don't think she'll do anything dumb with the computer.... Haha... But I still worry about myself!!! :)

Letisha Luecking Orlet

In the past, I would have endorsed AVG. Now that they won't refund my money for a product I never received or used, I will not. Their customer service reps on the other side of the world don't give a damn.

Timothy A. Gutknecht, Illinois

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The computer guy who set up my new laptop said AVG means All Viruses Get [In] (not the best acronym, but you get the point). He installed Avast, which seems to be working well. OTOH, my old laptop had AVG on it, which also seemed to do the job.

Just reporting.

Chris Tozer, Illinois

Etrust antivirus. Top notch, plays well with Time Matters.

Andy Simpson, U.S. Virgin Islands

Actually, eTrust av is now called ESET av or "node . . .". So Ben's suggestion of ESET matches my experience.

Andy Simpson

These antivirus comparisons are always quite amusing. The differences are usually quite subtle. A program that outperforms all others today can easily miss a new variant tomorrow.

Practice safe computing and don't panic over subtleties.

Mike Phillips, North Carolina

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