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Researchers at the University of Florida have designed an Internet-worm early warning system that offers a new approach to pinpointing the first sign of a malicious network attack.

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Anti-virus software is part of the total Anti-virus protection solution! Protecting your data is getting harder every day. With more people using broadband connections, file sharing utilities, and sending/receiving email along with virus writers developing more sophisticated ways to attack, a good anti-virus package is imperative. This site, **Anti-Virus Software Review**, is a tool to help you understand virus issues and to determine which solution gives you the most protection for your computer system and files.

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	BitDefender	PC-cillin	AVG Antivirus Pro	McAfee VirusScan	F-Secure	Norton AntiVirus	F-Prot Windows	eTrust EZ Antivirus	ESET Nod32	Panda
Rank	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Reviewer Comments	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>	<a href="#">READ REVIEW</a>
Lowest Price	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>	<a href="#">BUY</a>
	\$24.95	\$49.95	\$33.30	\$34.99	\$64.00	\$49.95	\$29.00	\$29.95	\$39.00	\$49.95
Overall Rating	★★★★	★★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★	★★★
<b>Ratings</b>										
Feature Set	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Ease of Use	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Ease of Setup	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Help/Documentation	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
Effectiveness	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★	★★★★
<b>Scanning Capabilities</b>										
<a href="#">On-access Scanning</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Realtime Scanning</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">On-demand Scanning</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Scheduled Scanning</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Heuristic Scanning</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manual Scanning	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Script Blocking</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Scan Compressed Files	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Auto-Clean Infected Files	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quarantines Infected Files	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Email POP3 Protection	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
WebMail Protection	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Instant Messaging Protection	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Other Features</b>										
<a href="#">Password Protect Settings</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Pass ICSA Tests</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<a href="#">Integrated Firewall</a>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Updates</b>										
Automatic Definition Updates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Automatic Program Updates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manual Definition Updates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Manual Program Updates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Yearly Subscriptions to Definition Updates	\$29.95	\$24.95	\$33.30	\$34.95	\$60.96	\$29.95	\$29.00	\$9.95	\$27.30	\$39.95
<b>Technical Support</b>										
Toll-Free Phone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fee-based Phone	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Email	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chat	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Knowledge Base/FAQs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Product details	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>	<a href="#">Detail</a>
<b>Supported Configurations</b>										
Windows 95	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows 98/98SE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows ME	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows NT 4.0	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Windows 2000 Pro	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Windows 2003 Server			✓				✓		✓	
Windows XP/XP Pro	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Macintosh						(1) ✓				
Linux	✓		✓				✓		(2) ✓	
MS-DOS	✓									
Rank	<b>GOLD</b>	<b>SILVER</b>	<b>BRONZE</b>	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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(1) Norton AntiVirus 9.0 supports Mac OS 9.2 and higher.

(2) NOD32 for Linux Mail Server.

## What makes a great Anti-Virus software solution?

In the computer world where there are new viruses and worms every day, it is difficult to know which anti-virus software solution is best for you. Here is a list of what we at Anti-Virus Software Review believe are the best attributes of anti-virus software.

- **Ease of Use** – How easy is it to install the software? How easy is it to go from installation to scanning for infected files?
- **Effective at Identifying Viruses and Worms** – Does the product quickly identify infected files with a realtime scanner, whether it comes via email, IM Apps, web browsing, etc.?
- **Effective at Cleaning or Isolating Infected Files** – Does the product thoroughly clean, delete, or quarantine the infected file to stop the spread of the virus and save the rest of your system/network?
- **Activity reporting** – You should be able to view what each demand scan found and what it did with any infected files. You should also be notified immediately of any infection found with the realtime scanner.
- **Feature Set** – What type of scanning engines are used? Does the product rely on realtime scanning only? Can you schedule a time when your files will be inspected or specify what files will be inspected? Are the features easy to access and understand?
- **Ease of Installation and Setup** – How easy is it to install the software? How easy is it to go from installation to a scanning for infected files?
- **Help Documentation** – Is there a help document available? How useful is it? Is it easily understood without relying on technical jargon? Can you find your answers easily?

With the correct anti-virus software application you can feel comfortable knowing that your files are protected.

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