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Thread: [How does Microsoft Security Essentials measure up to the big expensive AV software?](#)

maDsam - September 18, 2010, 10:50 am

It's the only free major one, how does it compare to say paid kaspersky or Trend Micro?

MasterMind98 - September 18, 2010, 2:30 pm

Microsoft Security Essentials is designed to disable Windows Defender in order to manage the PC's real-time protection, including anti-virus, rootkits, Trojans and spyware.

maDsam - September 18, 2010, 5:34 pm

So is it an ample substitute to paid AV software like Trend Micro and Kaspersky?

cyberpope - September 18, 2010, 7:06 pm

Yes, its a simple free antivirus, it is pretty good for what it does but if you can get a better antivirus use that instead. But you can use Microsoft Security Essentials if you want to.

MasterMind98 - September 18, 2010, 7:14 pm

Microsoft Security Essentials works alot better than Windows Defender.

InuyashaITB - September 18, 2010, 7:15 pm

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MasterMind98 - September 18, 2010, 7:20 pm

(Sep 18, 2010 07:15 PM)InuyashaITB Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) It is horrible. but of course its better than NOTHING at all...

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I agree with you on that, Avast is better than both of them.

Chebyshev - September 18, 2010, 9:08 pm

Avast is just...Ugh...I use MSE and I really like it. Does a pretty quick scan and picks up a lot of shit most of the time. Low false positives, there's also the compatibility thing with a Windows OS. Some updates go along with automatic updates too, I really like MSE. :)

ProfessionalCriminal - September 19, 2010, 1:44 am

Hi maDsam,

Actually, MSE is now considered to be one of the most popular and highly recommended protection agents out. It's definitely up there with Kaspersky, Avira, Avast, and NOD32. Hack Forums has never been best friends with MSE, but you'll find it's absolutely worshiped in other communities (such as [SevenForums](#)).

Thanks,
Malware Boss

MasterMind98 - September 19, 2010, 8:20 pm

The only reason McAfee is alive today is because of its business products that many companies use even today. Symantec and McAfee are world preferences for corporate firms. Symantec, on the other hand, has improved incredibly and I can 100% rely on Norton. But I will never let McAfee in my pc.

Kyuubi - September 19, 2010, 9:03 pm

MSE is quite good for something free. Though I think Avira or Comodo would be a better choice.

djchriz - September 20, 2010, 10:15 am

Overall I would pick a free AV instead. But if you're not doing anything overly dangerous you should be fine with it.

Sia - September 22, 2010, 12:17 am

Avira is by far the best even though if you say, got a free edition or cracked

MasterMind98 - September 22, 2010, 11:20 am

So far, I haven't heard any negative stuff about it, which I guess is good. Most of what I've seen seems to indicate that Microsoft may have gotten it right this time. I have it turned off at the moment as I am using something else. As far as the firewall goes, I only use the Windows firewall along with the built-in router firewall.

versx - September 23, 2010, 4:39 pm

I always used the free AVG versions since I could remember, but since the day MSE came out, I've been stuck on it. I love it! It's great, very very low false positives, pretty much gets everything I need it to get. I've been wondering about using Avira or Avast, tho MSE is probably one of the best out there imho, for a free AV.

MasterMind98 - September 23, 2010, 6:10 pm

Microsoft Security Essentials is the best choice for average users.

Blazin - September 27, 2010, 7:39 pm

McAfee is horrible period it has so much bugs.... :(

MasterMind98 - September 27, 2010, 8:18 pm

I use MSE and have used Avira in the past. Both are excellent programs. MSE offers more than just AV protection. That is why I went with MSE. It works for me.

Dec3ent - September 28, 2010, 2:43 am

It is ok, but I would still prefer NOD32 over it anyday ?

MasterMind98 - September 28, 2010, 11:14 am

A good anti-virus program will not only have a high rate of detection but it will also scan for infections in a decent time frame. A high quality product can perform this task in half the time of a lesser one.