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Thread: [Harvey's Security Recommendations](#)

ProfessionalCriminal - November 1, 2010, 4:21 am

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You're probably reading this because you've been infected at one point in time. Malware is becoming stronger and much more prevalent on the Internet in today's society, and that's why security software has become such a large topic for debate online. What's the best software to use? How can I keep my system secure? Where do I get it from? These are all questions I'll be addressing in this post.

The first and most important part of securing your system is understanding your system and how you use it. You're going to need to take a look at what you use your computer for and, based on that, we're able to look at setting you up with a tailored security configuration.

For example, we have Person A and Person B. Person A is a black-hat hacker and downloads hacking tools off Hack Forums and via torrents almost everyday. Person B does nothing more on their computer than watch YouTube videos and talk to their friends on Facebook. Obviously, there's going to be a difference in these peoples' security setup. Why? Because they use their computer for completely different things. Some people are prone to infection, and some are not.

This thread is going to be broken up into three sections. One section for each different stereotype of computer users. I ask that you think about what section you fit into before downloading and installing any security tools.

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This section will contain a collection of tools and recommendations for Category 1 users. Below is a list of terms that might be used to describe a Category 1 member.

Computer Illiterate

Infrequent Computer User

Basic Internet Use

Below is a list of activities such users may undergo.

Checking E-Mails

Watching Videos (YouTube)

Chatting On MSN/Skype

Facebook

Microsoft Word/Excel Documentation

Online Research

Below is a list of people whom might fit this description. Teenage Girls

Middle-aged Women

Housewives

Young Students

The Elderly

Now, obviously, this is based upon general stereotypes, but you can start to see the sorts of people this group is aimed at. Below is a set of recommendations for security setups.

Category 1 Security Setup [Avast Antivirus Review](#)

[ZoneAlarm Firewall Review](#)

[Malwarebytes' Anti-Malware Review](#)

Description & Explanantion

This setup is designed to give a full range of security functionality, whilst still being rather lightweight. This setup should run smoothly on desktops and laptops that might not be the most resourceful machines. Considering most elderly people and young kids aren't going to be using their computers for much more than the above, they aren't likely to go out and spend five thousand dollars on a computer. For that reason, I've opted for the lightweight setup. However lightweight it may seem, the three security applications mentioned above will perform at an optimal level to ensure browsing integrity is met.

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This section will contain a collection of tools and recommendations for Category 2 users. Below is a list of terms that might be used to describe a Category 2 member. Decent Knowledge of Computers

Regular Computer User

Frequent Internet Use

Below is a list of activities such users may undergo. Downloading Music

Playing Online Games

Social Networking

Some Torrenting

Microsoft Word/Excel Documentation

Online Research

Below is a list of people whom might fit this description. Teenage Boys

Middle-aged Men

Older Students

Business Men & Women

You can start to see the kinds of people this group aims at. People who might not be extensive computer users, but know enough to get themselves into malware trouble. Once again, we're just making assumptions based on stereotypes here.

Category 2 Security Setup [ESET NOD32 Antivirus Review](#)

[Outpost Firewall Review](#)

[Malwarebytes' Anti-Malware Review](#)

Description & Explanation

This setup covers, probably, 80% of the computer-user population. This is for people who use a computer regularly (or a lot), and will occasionally download unsafe applications. This setup is very lightweight, and provides a good combination of protection. There isn't much that's going to get through this wall of defense!

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This section will contain a collection of tools and recommendations for Category 3 users. Below is a list of terms that might be used to describe a Category 3 member. High/Extensive Knowledge of Computers

Advanced Computer User

Extensive Internet Use

Below is a list of activities such users may undergo. Downloading Warez

Downloading Music

Playing Online Games

Social Networking

Extensive Torrenting

Microsoft Word/Excel Documentation

Online Research

Software Development

Below is a list of people whom might fit this description. Malware Removalists

Black-hat Hackers

Software Developers

Elite Gamers

Advanced Hack Forums Members

This is the business end. This group is mostly Hack Forums members who are downloading tools such as encrypters and RATs. Other people who engage in offensive computer manipulation may also be classified as a Category 3 user.

Category 3 Security Setup [Avira AntiVirReview](#)

[COMODO FirewallReview](#)

[Malwarebytes' Anti-MalwareReview](#)

[WinPatrolReview](#)

Description & Explanation

This setup ensures the highest detection rates are met. Avira AntiVir has been known to show the highest detection rates out of antivirus software, and COMODO is known as the most advanced personal firewall. I've also added in WinPatrol as an additional tool, because it's HIPS capabilities are great. This is one of the best setups you can get without going over the top.

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Please note the following points before downloading and installing any software. Never have more than one antivirus running on your system.

Never have more than one firewall running on your system.

Always download from the official download locations.

Try not to overprotect yourself. Only use the essentials.

Only download these applications if your system is clean.

If you have any questions or queries, please direct them to myself via private message.

Thanks,
Malware Boss

Charmz - November 1, 2010, 4:22 am

Very nice thread. Very useful. :)

NoComment - November 1, 2010, 5:57 am

One of the better, if not best, anti-malware recommendations threads. You have a lists to accommodate just about everyone.

Nyan - November 1, 2010, 6:19 am

Wow very HQ post with it's own GFX! Every single post I've seen from you has been nothing but HQ. Thanks for the info!

Invincible - November 1, 2010, 6:33 am

Thanks for a truly HQ guide for our safety bud .

--([S7N])-- - November 1, 2010, 6:56 am

Awesome! Where do you get those icons?

ProfessionalCriminal - November 1, 2010, 1:36 pm

Hi everyone,

Thank-you very much for the positive feedback. I only wrote this so I could work on a canned speech for it. ?

Quote:Awesome! Where do you get those icons?

Hi --([S7N])--,

I got them from [IconFinder](#).

Thanks,
Malware Boss

placeholderda - November 1, 2010, 3:03 pm

Now why isn't Nod32 suitable for Category 3 users?

ProfoundZeus™ - November 1, 2010, 3:15 pm

Thank you, this is a great thread.

I think I would fit in category 3 as most people on here.

One question: what would happen if I would install two antivirus programs? I mean for example Avira AntiVir together with Kaspersky?

zealotico - November 1, 2010, 3:30 pm

Nice tread Harvey ;)
Really helpfull and hq.

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Well, you will get false alerts because you're AV's will interact with each other and they won't know what's a virus and what's not.

+ it will slow down your computer.

Silver - November 1, 2010, 6:20 pm

Dang, Malware Boss! All your threads are extremely neat and informational.

I agree with all of your recommendations for each section. I liked how you had the different sections depending on the users. Keep it up! ?

pro cv2er - November 1, 2010, 6:26 pm

Great tutorial i can see you put a lot of time into it

ProfessionalCriminal - November 1, 2010, 10:55 pm

(Nov 1, 2010 03:03 PM)placeholder Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Now why isn't Nod32 suitable for Category 3 users?

Hi placeholder,

It's perfectly suitable. All of these applications would work fine for each different category, however, having Avira as the primary antivirus is recommended because its detection rates exceed the NOD32 capabilities.

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Hi Silver,

That's very kind of you. Thank-you very much! ?

Thanks,
Malware Boss

(s)(u)(f)(f)(i)(c)(e) - November 1, 2010, 10:58 pm

Nice thread man very useful and breaks down everything.

ProfessionalCriminal - November 1, 2010, 11:00 pm

(Nov 1, 2010 10:58 PM)(s)(u)(f)(f)(i)(c)(e) Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice thread man very useful and breaks down everything.

Hi (s)(u)(f)(f)(i)(c)(e),

Thanks mate! Very much appreciated. ?

Thanks,
Malware Boss

-mothered- - November 2, 2010, 4:21 am

A very well documented and defined guide, that's categorized for almost every caliber of user.
Good work mate.

anonymous - November 2, 2010, 10:12 am

I am in category 3 and i use every tool you posted expt for Avira. I use AVAST. Is Avast shitty and should i really download Avira or can i stay with AVAST?

Silver - November 2, 2010, 11:52 am

(Nov 2, 2010 10:12 AM)anonymous Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I am in category 3 and i use every tool you posted expt for Avira. I use AVAST. Is Avast shitty and should i really download Avira or can i stay with AVAST?

You can use Avast. Those are just his recommendations.

I personally use Avast, and it's a perfectly fine anti-virus.

Epic Smiley™ - November 3, 2010, 5:52 pm

I would instal Comodo firewall but I'm afraid it will block my RAT's ?

ProfessionalCriminal - November 4, 2010, 3:17 am

(Nov 3, 2010 05:52 PM)Epic Smiley™ Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I would instal Comodo firewall but I'm afraid it will block my RAT's ?

Hi Epic Smiley™,

I can help you configure it to allow for an exception for your RAT if you'd like?

Thanks,
Malware Boss

KaNe - November 7, 2010, 4:04 pm

A good AV for the first catagory, would be AVG. I have that as my primary, and I would consider myself as the third catagory. AVG is a good, lightweight AV.
I would argue about it being in the top 5 AV's.

Dec3ent - November 7, 2010, 6:53 pm

Thanks for this, very HQ post.

+1 for sticky.

Impurity - November 7, 2010, 7:10 pm

Very nice, winpatrol looks awesome. HQ Post and I vote for sticky as well!

ProfessionalCriminal - November 7, 2010, 10:01 pm

Hi everyone,

I appreciate the feedback very much. Maybe not a sticky, but an inclusion in the index of tutorials might be helpful.

Thanks,

Malware Boss

RDG OVERLORD - November 7, 2010, 10:06 pm

This is very good I'm going to book mark this for later use

?Demon - February 6, 2011, 1:43 am

I appreciate this, and will say thank you to keep the thread alive although I already have most of the tools. ^.^

Seblin91 - June 12, 2011, 4:28 am

Nice thread, although it was posted a few years ago, is it still the same or is there a new even better program out there today?

Turkey Dunce - June 12, 2011, 4:55 am

truly HQ guide for our safety bud

ProfessionalCriminal - June 12, 2011, 5:52 am

(Jun 12, 2011 04:28 AM)Seblin91 Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Nice thread, although it was posted a few years ago, is it still the same or is there a new even better program out there today?

Few months ago, actually. And no, my recommendations haven't changed at all.

Homecide Inc - June 14, 2011, 5:30 pm

Thanks a lot man, this was great

@snake@ - June 15, 2011, 12:29 am

thanks for this info..i'm gonna try category 3..

cheers..

sometimes i ask my self sounds like paranoid at all.

Mirror_Man - June 15, 2011, 1:41 am

Very informative, thanks a lot! :)

ProfessionalCriminal - June 15, 2011, 5:05 am

Not a problem. Thanks guys.

gkrmelj - June 21, 2011, 3:33 am

sorta stupid question however for catagory 3;Avira AntiVir Personal - Free Antivirus or Avira AntiVir Premium!?

Silver - June 21, 2011, 11:58 am

(Jun 21, 2011 03:33 AM)gkrmelj Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) sorta stupid question however for catagory 3;Avira AntiVir Personal - Free Antivirus or Avira AntiVir Premium!?

Whatever you want, I'm assuming. You could probably pirate the Premium version, but the Free version should be fine.

Eddie wanted - August 13, 2011, 9:14 pm

Amazing thread ... using your Security Recommendations .. hope i will never get infected :D:

ProfessionalCriminal - August 14, 2011, 3:48 am

(Aug 13, 2011 09:14 PM)Eddie wanted Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Amazing thread ... using your Security Recommendations .. hope i will never get infected :D:
Thanks mate, I really appreciate it. :)

Viral Dragon - August 14, 2011, 6:14 am

(Aug 14, 2011 03:48 AM)Harvey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Thanks mate, I really appreciate it. :)
The quality of information here really isn't that bad. I would see why people would read the thread. Very good. (Nothing useful to me, sorry. As I have a pretty good understanding of computers and it's general aspects, but you never know.)

-Viral.

Ntshmr1 - April 9, 2012, 6:25 am

Thanks for the Information, It was really useful and broken down in simple terms

mikemuse1exploit - April 9, 2012, 7:25 am

really nice post man , i which this forum be like this post (no script-kids like a lot people here)
for me category for all

On my computer basic anti virus

Vmware virtual machine whit windows xp

on this vm windows install this tools

1.Sysinternals Suite

2.wireshark

3.ollydbg

4.Peid

and when i download files just analysis file if file ok then run it on Primary windows

but really man avast i think is the worst anti virus and AVG same bullshit

nice post + 1

ProfessionalCriminal - April 10, 2012, 8:12 pm

Thanks mate, I appreciate it. :) Let me know if you need any help.