

## Re: New computer, which security software?

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On Sat, 26 Jun 2004 19:02:00 GMT, "Gary Whittle"

<[gary@garywhittle-nospam.co.uk](mailto:gary@garywhittle-nospam.co.uk)> wrote:

>Hello,

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>My new PC arrived yesterday and I am trying to find out what software people

>recommend having loaded to avoid Virus's, Trojan's, unwanted Ads etc.

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>I have a background in IT, a web designer by trade – but I have let my

>knowledge of PC security slip over the past year or two.

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>I have loaded the most up to date versions of the following:

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>– Norton Anti Virus 2004

>– Adaware Professional, Adwatch constantly running

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>The obvious missing piece of the puzzle is some form of Firewall, which I

>have deliberately left out as I really hate the restrictions when playing

>online games, and working with my server.

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>Is there anything else which will further protect my PC? My friend

>mentioned some form of Trojan monitor, cant remember what it was called. Do

>you think I should really employ the use of a firewall? My PC is connected

>to my cable modem via a D-Link 614+ wireless router, I think it may act as

>some form of firewall, although I cant be sure.

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>Thanks in advance for any advice!!!

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>Gary Whittle.

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Hi Gary,

Well,.. Ad Aware is a good start.

Spybot would be a good additional (free) spyware scanner.

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I would not (yet) use Spy Sweeper,... give them some time to make less aggressive promotion & (smartly indirectly) stop pretending to be far superior to ad aware & SpyBot,... = dishonest,... I cannot trust them yet... tested it.. review on

[http://www.nondisputandum.com/html/be\\_aware.html](http://www.nondisputandum.com/html/be_aware.html)

Perhaps a good tool,.. but imho way to aggressive in it's promotion what gives me the shivers...

But you can do more... like use Spybot's immunizer & Teatimer (inside Spybot to monitor changes in your registry)

Spybot openly advises to use Spywareblaster to further immunize your system against internet (via IE) threats... so do I ;-) freeware & regular definition updates

A2 & Swat-It are other known malware scanner,... good for an occasional extra sweep...

Be Clean is the best (stable, potent & lightweight) daily system cleaner that I found,.. crapcleaner is good as a second... many say to do a good job,.. little do...

I have my favorite assumed to be honest security soft reviewed on my website. [www.nondisputandum.com](http://www.nondisputandum.com)

To protect your XP from sending stuff home to MS I advice XP Antispy

To check your system for wrong set-up's and needed upgrades I do advices Microsoft's Baseline Security Analyzer. Fortunately it was not written by MS it'selves ;-)

For years now I use Bigfix to find necessary updates,.. a good addition to MBSA

RegSeeker (free) is the only genuie registry scanner that can somehow compete with jv16 powertools (former RegCleaner) (payware) The free version is still available on <http://www.oldversion.com> i guess.. as I already said.. many claim to be (registry scanner),.. little do a good job. (Be Clean also checks the registry and does a fairly hoenst job,.. but not as profound as RegSeeker)

and there is so much more that you can do when you assume to have picked up a malware.

Don't forget to make a System Recovery Point befor installing new soft,.. but that's not something I have to tell you I guess,... Perhaps usefull if other people read this.

so take a peep:

[http://www.nondisputandum.com/html/anti\\_spyware.html](http://www.nondisputandum.com/html/anti_spyware.html)

[http://www.nondisputandum.com/html/registry\\_system.html](http://www.nondisputandum.com/html/registry_system.html)

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good luck

Carl

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