

Re: Antivirus software is the new protection racket

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"Sammy" <hhi_info@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:1116084266.386461.219580@o13g2000cwo.googlegroups.com...
> *Using a completely clean fresh OEM installation of Windows XP
> Professional Sp2; then loading Norton Antivirus 2005 does show a
> significant performance hit. This test was done using a p4 3.2
> (northwood chip; not prescott) on an Intel 865GBF mainboard with
> 1gigabyte of dual channel DDR kingston valueram. Sitting on a 160gig
> Western Digital SATA hard drive; 8megs cache, yadda yadda.
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> The time it takes to open the norton control interface from double
> clicking its icon beside the clock is noticable. Other applications do
> not appear to take nearly as long to bring up their GUI. The computer
> startup time used to be roughly 25 seconds until I could login, since
> installing Norton Antivirus 2005; That's almost 40 seconds now.
> (Norton
> takes awhile to finish loading it's drivers apparently)
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> I don't run a dirty system, this was a clean load 2 days ago.
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That does sound disappointing. Maybe it is performing some scanning on startup. The last version that I used was NAV 2003 (as part of NIS 2003) and it compared equally with other AV software. I have heard that each subsequent version thereafter got successively slower (i.e., impacted the responsiveness of the computer). Since NAV and NIS are getting pretty old when you consider Symantec is a software publisher and not a developer, it could be Symantec is just bandaging the product at this point. What happens if you use their old cop-out method of disabling the option to load on startup and instead put a shortcut to it in the Startup group? That would probably shorten the boot time but then you have to wait until the system settles after login for it to load (but maybe it loads faster that way so there is less overall impact).

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