

Re: Best Virus program

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'PattiChati' posted, in part:

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| input. I open up the topic and see all these names and was excited
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| you.

It is a good idea to read some posts in a newsgroup before posting. This will give you an idea of the character of a newsgroup, and you may also find questions already answered. Many times, in fact. Your exact question, in fact. The thread, for example, that began 27JUN05 with 'Which Virus Program To Get' from 'boaz' and generated dozens of posts.

Also consider that all posters are not equally knowledgeable. Generally in a 'technical' newsgroup something like 'peer review' takes place. If good information is posted then it stands. If bad information is posted, then objections are raised. For you to post a comment like "I was just hoping to hear from some other people, I thanked you for your input. I open up the topic and see all these names and was excited because I thought I got that much feedback – instead it was a couple of guys fighting over the internet. I was just hoping for more feedback. Thank you." is sorta off the point. After all, there is hardly any need for more than a few posts – after all the question has been recently discussed at length, and there are fewer than a dozen reasonable recommendations. Duplication isn't really necessary. What you've just seen is a case of 'peer review.' One poster indulges in dangerous practices. What could be more dangerous than downloads that could be infectors? One recent and prominent Internet worm, 'Sven', distributed very convincing fake Microsoft security patches which were actually an infective worm. These infective patches are distributed by posts to newsgroups and by email. You should be VERY careful about where you obtain security applications. That is also the reason the the creators and publishers of security programs are VERY careful to control how their work is distributed, even if it is at no charge. Some individuals, for one reason or another, set up sites that may or may not offer malware along with applications for which permission to distribute has been granted;

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applications for which there is no guarantee of freedom from infection (which is why sites that DO have permission must link to the home site.

It is easy to check the presence and reputation of a poster in a newsgroup like this. Just sort the posts by author, check the quantity, a scan a few replies. 'David H. Lipman' did you a favor by warning against whoever he or she was (the signature of the individual changes) dangerous practices. 'DHL' is without a doubt the most prolific poster to this newsgroup and is certainly well received AND well respected.

Google newsgroup searches can also be an interesting way of checking, if not bona fides, at least the ratio of helpful contributions:heat, noise, smoke, and dubious practices. You'll find over 3000 posts by 'David H. Lipman', 7 by 'id' .

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"PattiChati" <PattiChati@anywhere.invalid> wrote in message
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> "David H. Lipman" <DLipman~nospam~@Verizon.Net> wrote in message
> news:uW\$iol7xFHA.1256@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...
>> From: "PattiChati" <PattiChati@anywhere.invalid>
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>> | Hey guys, I asked a question here and you spent all this time trashing
>> one
>> | another. I didn't think that was what newsgroups were for.
>> | I would really appreciate more input from some of you and I thank the
>> two of
>> | you that replied to me.
>> | Thanks.
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>> What else do you want ? I agree you the two *best*. However some more
>> choices with the CA
>> eTrust offer being the top of this list...
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>> AVAST –
>> http://www.avast.com/i_idt_1016.html – FREE
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>> AntiVir –
>> <http://www.free-av.com/> – FREE
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>> AVG –
>> <http://free.grisoft.com/freeweb.php/doc/2/lng/us/tpl/v5> – FREE
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>> CA eTrust –
>> <http://www.my-etrust.com/microsoft/index.cfm> – FREE for one year.

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>> <http://www.claymania.com/removal-trojan-adware.html>
>> <http://www.ik-cs.com/got-a-virus.htm>
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