

## Re: Symantec's Norton Suite

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I know for some of you, this may be a sore spot, but i felt it had to be discussed. I'm sure at one time or another many of us will have used Norton Internet Security, Norton Anti-Virus, or Norton Personal Firewall for our security. Now, apart from the obvious size of the software in comparison the system resource usage, i'd like to discuss the effectiveness of this package.

For the record, my previous security setup was using Eset NOD32 Anti-Virus System with Windows Firewall and Windows XP Professional SP2 with all available updates along with Microsoft Office 2003 SP2 with all available updates. I had no back up software (apart from the back up software included with Windows XP itself which wasn't suited to my needs), i had no recovery software, i had very little in the way of anti-spyware software and finally i'm a very centralised user.

Finally, i'm surfing the Internet behind a NETGEAR DG834 Hardware Firewall Router. My system specifications are as follows:

CPU: AMD Athlon XP 2600+ 2.08GHz  
Motherboard: GIGABYTE GA-7N400 Pro 2 nForce 2 Ultra 400  
GPU: NVIDIA GeForce 6600GT AGP 128MB  
RAM: 2GB GeIL Dual Channel DDR 400  
Storage: 2 160GB Seagate Barracuda (Ultra-ATA) - 1 Used As Back Up

After i formatted my HDD, i proceeded to install Norton GoBack 4.0, Norton Internet Security 2006, Norton SystemWorks 2006 and Norton Ghost 10.0 to provide security for my system, a scheduled back up solution, a recovery point solution and system maintenance utilities - some of which i didn't have before.

Now, i'm not someone who simply "jumps" at the chance to buy the latest

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Norton range of software, and i'm certainly not blind to the fact that Symantec's software gets flak from users with bad experiences, but for my personal needs, and for the wider needs as advised in the MS Press book Microsoft Windows Networking And Security, by installing the above software, i had followed the precautions ever user should take – and more. The reason i bought the software was in light of the situation i had before i moved to a situation where the router was available, in addition i am using an ADSL Connection and not Cable, as i was previously and in which there would be full need for this software regardless as i would have been using a Cable modem with no hardware based protection.

I'm fully hoping to make my security and networking enthusiasm become a full time job for reputable and trustworthy firm such as Symantec or Eset, but i would like to see everyone's opinions on Symantec's software, and if, in all honest, i've done the right thing and made the right choices relating to my situation regardless of public perception. After all, the fact is that security companies are vying for your attention regarding their products, and although some products are obviously incapable of adequate protection for its users (where "adequate" protection definition can be applied in security i do not know), Symantec is at the very least a very reputable and recognisable provider.

I fully believe that security for each individual is a truly unique task, in that each user has specific needs that need to be addressed and catered for, and that in all fairness, each and every vendor is aiming to provide protection from a common threat, regardless of how it is seen by others.

I have been involved with computer for more than 20 years. I can remember when Norton was still in the hands of Peter Norton.

Despite the nay-sayers, there is no other product on the shelf that can begin to compare with Norton Internet Security. It is rock solid protection. When installed on a healthy system, it has only a very slight impact on system performance. It does not consume large amounts of system resources, although many will claim it does.

Symantec products are used by the U. S. Government to protect it most sensitive data (I spent more than twenty years in the military, working with

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classified information, and Symantec is all that is used). Banks in the U. S. use it. Most major Universities use it. Most businesses use it. Why? Because it works.

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