

VB100 COMPARATIVE REVIEW – APRIL 2018

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INTRODUCTION

‘So, what is the best anti-virus product?’

Naturally, as a company that has engaged in anti-virus testing for over two decades, this is a question we are often asked. And, perhaps surprisingly, we don’t feel it is a question we can answer.

Firstly, because what is the ‘best’ anti-virus (or endpoint security) product depends on the specific requirements of the user or organization. What works best for a home user may not be ideal for a small business, and what will work best for a small business may be less suitable for a large international organization. Not to mention that different threat models require different responses.

Secondly, picking out which is ‘the best’ has never been what the VB100 tests are about. Their goal has always been to show which products satisfy a minimum standard and, by testing every two months, showing which products perform well over a longer period of time.

To emphasize this part, we will soon morph the VB100 test into a certification test, with this report being the last to be presented as a comparative review.

In this last ‘old-style’ test, we put 35 anti-virus products from 32 vendors through their paces. 27 of the products achieved VB100 certification.

WILDLIST MISSES, FALSE POSITIVES AND NEW PRODUCTS

For three products, it was a missed file from the WildList that stood in the way of achieving a VB100 award. The files included on the WildList are well vetted and have been

confirmed to have been seen in the wild more than once, thus detection can (and should) be expected.

Five other products erroneously blocked one or more of the hundreds of thousands of files belonging to legitimate software in our ‘clean set’. Though false positives are an inevitable side-effect of any security solution, we believe they shouldn’t occur for very widely used legitimate software.

Three products are new to the VB100 test bench.

FireEye is hardly a new name, thanks both to its advanced detection products and its strong research division. After a brief standalone test last year, we are pleased to report that the product easily achieved a VB100 award in its first participation in the test.

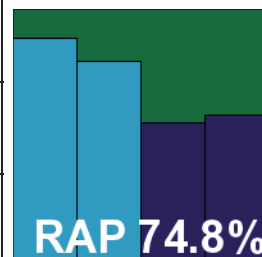
The same was the case for *TotalAV*, a relatively new UK-based product whose developers are working hard to make a name for themselves in the crowded market for home-user endpoint security.

The third new product in this test was *Panzor CloudAntivirus*, another new company that presents itself as using ‘Artificial Intelligence Cloud technology’. *Panzor* also saw its first participation rewarded with a VB100 certification.

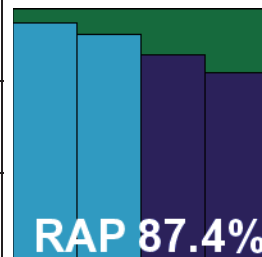
RESULTS

In order to provide some extra detail on the performance of the products in our tests, alongside the certification tests the VB100 reports include the ‘Reactive and Proactive’ (‘RAP’) test – a test which measures how quickly products detect new malware. The RAP scores give a good indication as to how quickly a product catches up when it comes to detecting new malware statically. In the results on the following pages, the RAP images display an average of the RAP scores across the two test platforms.

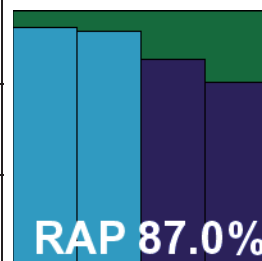
AhnLab V3 Internet Security 9.0		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	9.0.45.1	9.0.45.1
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



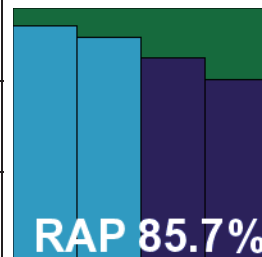
Arcabit AntiVirus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	2018.03.06	2018.03.06
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



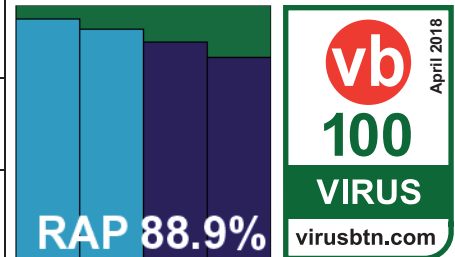
Avast Free Antivirus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	18.2.2328	18.2.2328
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



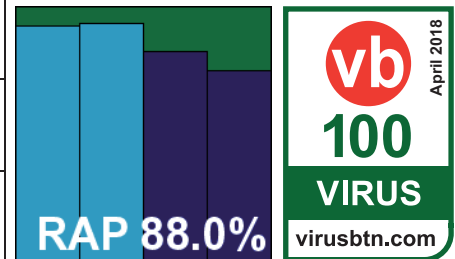
AVG Internet Security		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	18.2.3046	18.2.3046
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



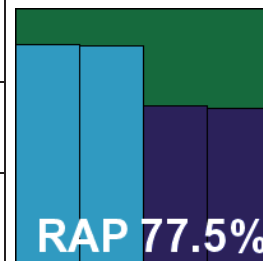
Bitdefender Endpoint Security		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	6.2.31.985	6.2.31.985
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



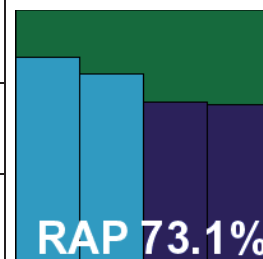
CompuClever Antivirus PLUS		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	19.6.0.328	19.6.0.328
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



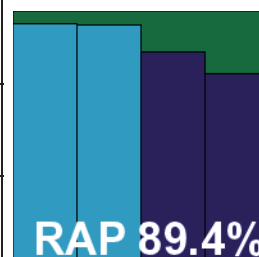
Cyren Command Anti-Malware		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	5.1.38	5.1.38
ItW catch rate	99.90%	99.90%
False positives	0	0



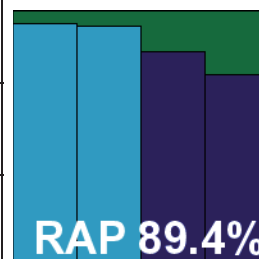
Defenx Security Suite		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	15.1.0108	15.1.0108
ItW catch rate	99.71%	99.71%
False positives	0	0



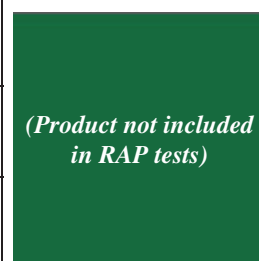
Emsisoft Anti-Malware		
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Main version	2018.2.0.8461	2018.2.0.8461
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



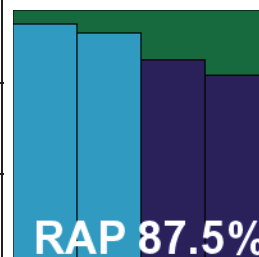
eScan Internet Security Suite for Windows		
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Main version	14.0.1400.1979	14.0.1400.1979
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



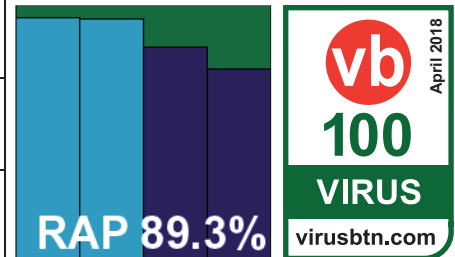
ESET Internet Security		
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ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



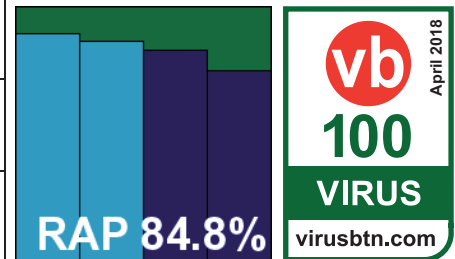
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Main version	3.0.1.3	3.0.1.3
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



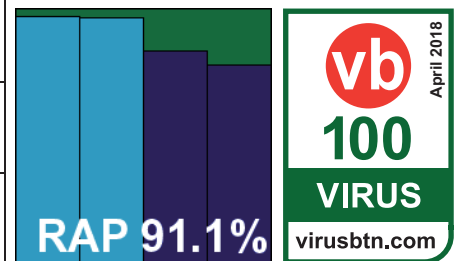
Faronics Anti-Virus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	4.12.3102.401	4.12.3102.401
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



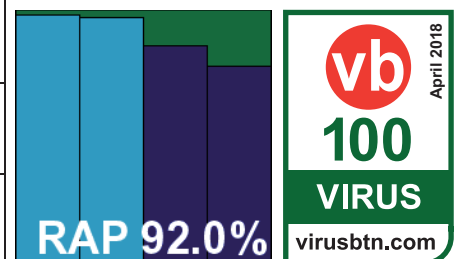
FireEye Endpoint Security		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	26.21.8	26.21.8
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



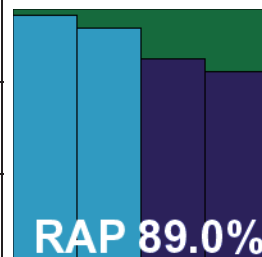
Fortinet FortiClient		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	5.6.2.1117	5.6.2.1117
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



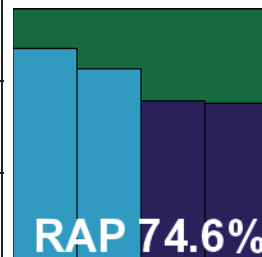
G DATA Antivirus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	25.4.0.3	25.4.0.3
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



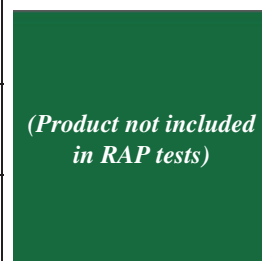
IKARUS anti.virus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	2.16.20	2.16.20
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



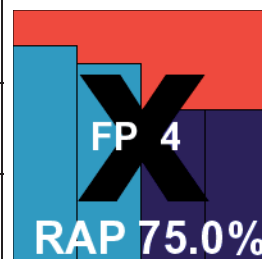
K7 Total Security		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	15.1.0330	15.1.0330
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



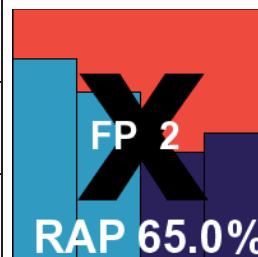
Kaspersky Endpoint Security 10 for Windows		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	10.3.0.6294	10.3.0.6294
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



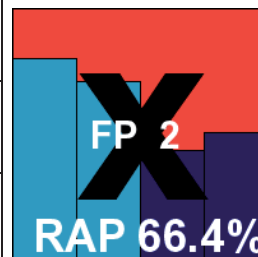
NANO Antivirus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	1.0.100.87034	1.0.100.87034 Pro
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	2	2



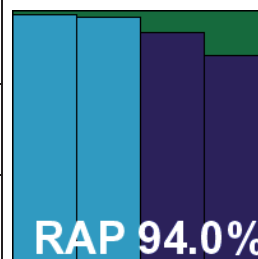
Panda Endpoint Protection Plus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	7.70.0	7.70.0
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	1	1



Panda Free Antivirus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	18.03.00	18.03.00
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	1	1



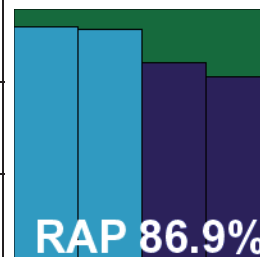
Panzor CloudAntivirus		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	1.1.220.3133	1.1.220.3133
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



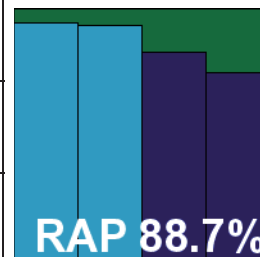
Rising Security Cloud Client		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	3.0.0.75	5.0.0.0
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	1	0

(Product not included
in RAP tests)

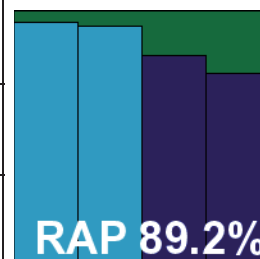
TACHYON Endpoint Security		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	5.0.0.0	5.0.0.0
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



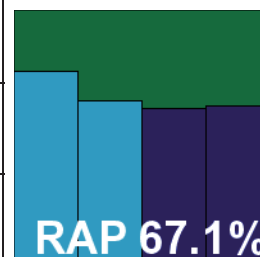
TeamViewer ITbrain Anti-Malware		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	1.0.94630	1.0.94630
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



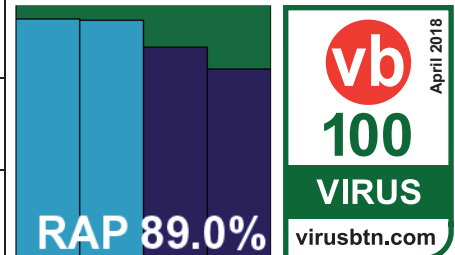
Tencent PC Manager		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	12.3.26531.901	12.3.26531.901
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



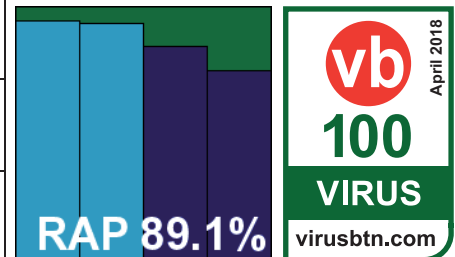
TotalAV		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	1.39.36	1.39.36
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



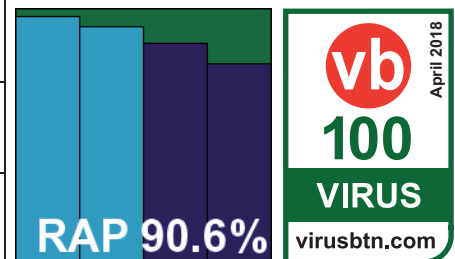
Total Defense Internet Security		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	9.0.0.747	9.0.0.747
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



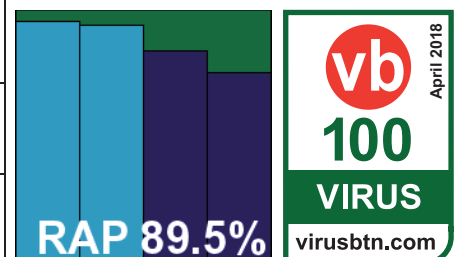
Total Defense Premium		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	9.0.0.747	9.0.0.747
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



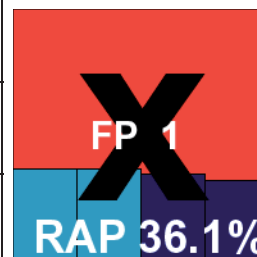
TrustPort Antivirus Sphere		
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Main version	17.0.3.7038	17.0.3.7038
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



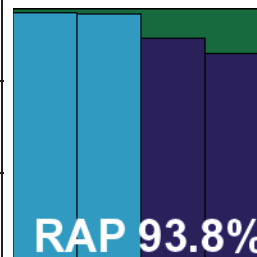
VIPRE Advanced Security		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	10.1.4.33	10.1.4.33
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



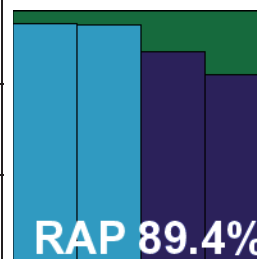
VirIT eXplorer PRO		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	8.6	8.6
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	1	0



Wontok SafeCentral Security Suite		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	2.0.1430	2.0.1430
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



Zemana EndPoint Security		
	Windows 7	Windows 10
Main version	6.2.18.885	6.2.18.885
ItW catch rate	100.00%	100.00%
False positives	0	0



Certification tests	Windows 7				Windows 10				VB100
	FPs	FP rate	WildList misses	WildList catch rate	FPs	FP rate	WildList misses	WildList catch rate	
AhnLab V3 Internet Security 9.0	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Arcabit AntiVirus	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Avast Free Antivirus	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
AVG Internet Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Bitdefender Endpoint Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
CompuClever Antivirus PLUS	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Cyren Command Anti-Malware	0	0.00%	3	99.90%	0	0.00%	3	99.90%	
Defenx Security Suite	0	0.00%	9	99.71%	0	0.00%	9	99.71%	
Emsisoft Anti-Malware	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
eScan Internet Security Suite for Windows	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
ESET Internet Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
ESTsecurity ALYac	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Faronics Anti-Virus	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
FireEye Endpoint Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Fortinet FortiClient	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
G DATA Antivirus	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	

Certification tests contd.	Windows 7				Windows 10				VB100
	FPs	FP rate	WildList misses	WildList catch rate	FPs	FP rate	WildList misses	WildList catch rate	
IKARUS anti.virus	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
K7 Total Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Kaspersky Endpoint Security 10 for Windows	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
NANO Antivirus	2	0.0003%	0	100.00%	2	0.0003%	0	100.00%	
Panda Endpoint Protection Plus	1	0.0001%	0	100.00%	1	0.0001%	0	100.00%	
Panda Free Antivirus	1	0.0001%	0	100.00%	1	0.0001%	0	100.00%	
Panzor CloudAntivirus	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Rising Security Cloud Client	1	0.0001%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
TACHYON Endpoint Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
TeamViewer ITbrain Anti-Malware	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Tencent PC Manager	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
TotalAV	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Total Defense Internet Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Total Defense Premium	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
TrustPort Antivirus Sphere	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
VIPRE Advanced Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
VirIT eXplorer PRO	1	0.0001%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Wontok SafeCentral Security Suite	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	
Zemana EndPoint Security	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	100.00%	

RAP (Reactive And Proactive) tests – Windows 7	Reactive		Reactive average	Proactive		Proactive average	RAP weighted average [‡]
	Set -2*	Set -1*		Set +1 [†]	Set +2 [‡]		
AhnLab V3 Internet Security 9.0	87.93%	80.03%	83.98%	55.42%	58.24%	56.83%	74.93%
Arcabit AntiVirus	94.41%	93.25%	93.83%	81.85%	74.51%	78.18%	88.62%
Avast Free Antivirus	93.34%	91.63%	92.48%	82.53%	72.17%	77.35%	87.44%
AVG Internet Security	92.83%	84.58%	88.71%	77.65%	71.53%	74.59%	84.00%
Bitdefender Endpoint Security	94.22%	86.50%	90.36%	85.48%	79.36%	82.42%	87.71%
CompuClever Antivirus PLUS	89.63%	93.27%	91.45%	82.44%	74.59%	78.51%	87.14%
Cyren Command Anti-Malware	85.42%	87.17%	86.30%	61.90%	60.85%	61.37%	77.99%
Defenx Security Suite	82.18%	73.38%	77.78%	63.68%	62.74%	63.21%	72.92%
Emsisoft Anti-Malware	94.64%	93.73%	94.19%	83.08%	74.88%	78.98%	89.12%
eScan Internet Security Suite for Windows	95.15%	93.47%	94.31%	82.25%	74.51%	78.38%	89.00%
ESTsecurity ALYac	94.27%	88.42%	91.34%	80.20%	74.27%	77.23%	86.64%
Faronics Anti-Virus	94.79%	94.32%	94.55%	83.27%	75.03%	79.15%	89.42%
FireEye Endpoint Security	91.62%	88.35%	89.98%	84.22%	74.91%	79.56%	86.51%
Fortinet FortiClient	96.61%	96.17%	96.39%	82.16%	77.37%	79.77%	90.85%
G DATA Antivirus	97.58%	96.35%	96.97%	86.00%	77.52%	81.76%	91.90%
IKARUS anti.virus	97.43%	88.79%	93.11%	79.98%	75.18%	77.58%	87.93%
K7 Total Security	83.86%	75.83%	79.84%	63.68%	62.74%	63.21%	74.30%
NANO Antivirus	85.41%	77.63%	81.52%	60.70%	60.65%	60.68%	74.57%
Panda Endpoint Protection Plus	80.70%	65.68%	73.19%	44.00%	51.17%	47.58%	64.65%
Panda Free Antivirus	78.46%	76.10%	77.28%	44.24%	51.34%	47.79%	67.45%
Panzor CloudAntivirus	97.99%	96.20%	97.10%	91.13%	82.49%	86.81%	93.67%
TACHYON Endpoint Security	93.10%	91.43%	92.26%	78.88%	73.45%	76.17%	86.90%
TeamViewer ITbrain Anti-Malware	93.78%	93.49%	93.63%	82.84%	74.61%	78.72%	88.66%
Tencent PC Manager	95.12%	93.74%	94.43%	82.25%	75.06%	78.65%	89.17%
TotalAV	75.59%	65.55%	70.57%	61.16%	62.35%	61.75%	67.63%
Total Defense Internet Security	94.36%	93.29%	93.82%	84.56%	75.01%	79.78%	89.14%
Total Defense Premium	94.38%	93.44%	93.91%	84.68%	75.01%	79.84%	89.22%
TrustPort Antivirus Sphere	96.86%	96.41%	96.63%	86.21%	78.43%	82.32%	91.86%
VIPRE Advanced Security	95.21%	93.81%	94.51%	83.36%	75.25%	79.31%	89.44%
VirIT eXplorer PRO	38.59%	36.39%	37.49%	35.16%	32.75%	33.95%	36.31%
Wontok SafeCentral Security Suite	98.14%	98.00%	98.07%	88.67%	82.10%	85.38%	93.84%
Zemana EndPoint Security	94.68%	94.18%	94.43%	83.70%	74.98%	79.34%	89.40%

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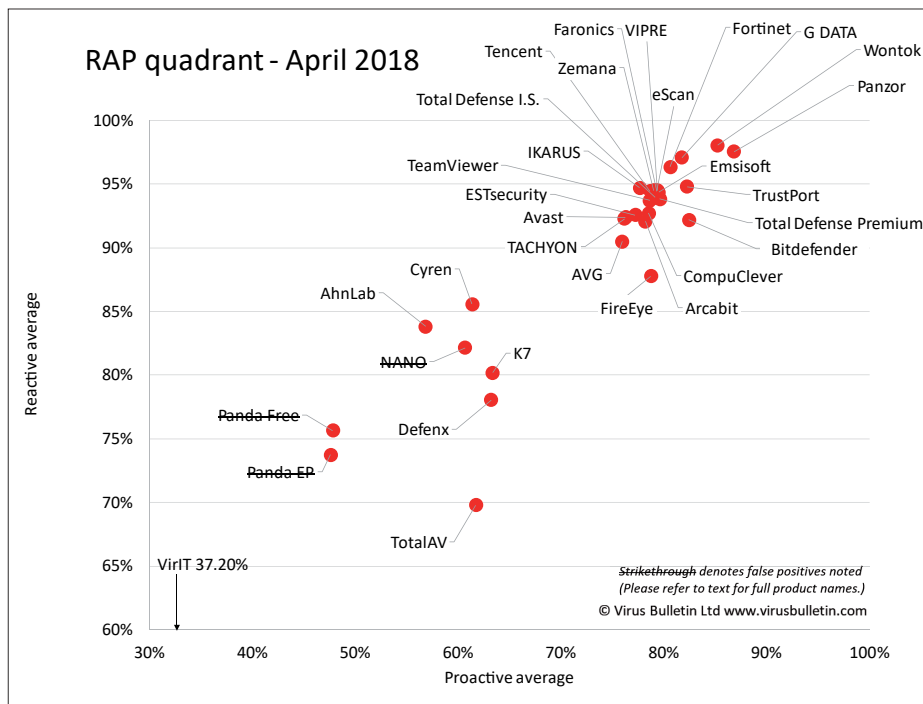
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RAP (Reactive And Proactive) tests – Windows 10	Reactive		Reactive average	Proactive		Proactive average	RAP weighted average [‡]
	Set -2*	Set -1*		Set +1 [†]	Set +2 [†]		
AhnLab V3 Internet Security 9.0	88.84%	78.53%	83.68%	55.42%	58.24%	56.83%	74.73%
Arcabit AntiVirus	94.06%	86.59%	90.32%	81.85%	74.51%	78.18%	86.28%
Avast Free Antivirus	92.75%	91.90%	92.33%	78.75%	71.61%	75.18%	86.61%
AVG Internet Security	92.69%	91.94%	92.31%	82.47%	72.17%	77.32%	87.32%
Bitdefender Endpoint Security	94.49%	93.58%	94.04%	85.51%	79.36%	82.44%	90.17%
CompuClever Antivirus PLUS	94.61%	93.40%	94.00%	82.44%	74.59%	78.51%	88.84%
Cyren Command Anti-Malware	85.96%	83.73%	84.85%	61.90%	60.85%	61.37%	77.02%
Defenx Security Suite	80.73%	75.88%	78.30%	63.68%	62.74%	63.21%	73.27%
Emsisoft Anti-Malware	94.59%	94.48%	94.54%	84.80%	75.28%	80.04%	89.70%
eScan Internet Security Suite for Windows	94.74%	94.30%	94.52%	85.35%	75.10%	80.23%	89.76%
ESTsecurity ALYac	94.40%	93.24%	93.82%	80.20%	74.27%	77.23%	88.29%
Faronics Anti-Virus	94.98%	93.93%	94.45%	82.90%	74.96%	78.93%	89.28%
FireEye Endpoint Security	86.52%	84.61%	85.57%	81.55%	74.37%	77.96%	83.03%
Fortinet FortiClient	96.67%	95.97%	96.32%	84.49%	78.45%	81.47%	91.37%
G DATA Antivirus	97.60%	96.79%	97.20%	85.97%	77.52%	81.74%	92.05%
IKARUS anti.virus	97.40%	95.27%	96.33%	80.23%	75.20%	77.72%	90.13%
K7 Total Security	84.16%	76.92%	80.54%	64.08%	62.94%	63.51%	74.86%
NANO Antivirus	85.89%	79.65%	82.77%	60.70%	60.65%	60.68%	75.40%
Panda Endpoint Protection Plus	80.05%	68.51%	74.28%	44.00%	51.17%	47.58%	65.38%
Panda Free Antivirus	81.72%	66.33%	74.03%	44.24%	51.34%	47.79%	65.28%
Panzor CloudAntivirus	98.17%	97.86%	98.02%	91.13%	82.49%	86.81%	94.28%
TACHYON Endpoint Security	92.83%	91.74%	92.29%	78.85%	73.45%	76.15%	86.91%
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APPENDIX: THE TEST SET-UP

The main test on each platform was run in three parts, over three consecutive weeks. Products were installed on clean installations of both *Windows 7* and *Windows 10*. At the beginning of each part of the test we made sure the latest updates were downloaded, while throughout the test, products were connected to the Internet, thus allowing for real-time cloud look-ups.

The products as we tested them are available to the general public. However, in a few instances we have allowed vendors to make modifications to the product to adapt to our specific test scenario. None of these modifications would have an impact on the real-world performance of the affected products.

For each part of the test, we used the most recent version of the WildList, together with one third of our constantly updated collection of widely used legitimate software. Using a shared drive, the files were copied onto the client machine and we recorded whether (and how) files were blocked by the anti-malware product.

If files weren't blocked, a custom-built tool was used to open the file, thus triggering AV detection by products that don't (always) scan files on being copied.

A product passed the test if, and only if, *on both platforms* it blocked all files from the WildList, and didn't generate any false positives (i.e. incorrect detections) when scanning the full clean set.

The clean set consists of more than 450,000 files, all widely used programs, with any files that show suspicious behaviour being excluded from the set.

For the 'RAP' (reactive and proactive) test, the same set-up was used, but for the proactive part of the test products were not connected to the Internet. This allowed us to measure their proactive detection abilities by having a 'frozen' version of each product scan two sets of malware files: those seen in the wild between one day and five days after the product 'freeze' date, and those seen in the wild between six and 10 days after this date.

Note: A slightly different approach when it comes to tidying up the set of malware, as well as a different approach to testing, means the individual RAP scores should not be compared with those seen in tests prior to April 2017.

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