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Subject: Computer protection advice needed  
Posted by [Krazyfoxx](#) on Fri, 19 Mar 2004 01:46:19 GMT  
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Ok, I finally bit the bullet and built my new system.  
Here's the specs:

Antec Performance PLUSVIEW 1000AMG LE Case  
Antec "TRUE380" Power Supply  
Intel D875PBZLK Motherboard  
Intel P4/ 3.0C GHz 800MHz FSB, 512KB L2, HT  
Kingston Dual Channel Kit 1G(512MBx2) DDR PC-3200  
WD Raptor 36.7GB 10,000RPM SATA-150 Hard Drive  
Asus 16X DVD-ROM Drive  
Win XP Pro  
(Various other parts ie. round cables, LED fans, etc.)

For now I'm still using my old video (GF4 Ti4200 64mb AGP) and sound (SB Live 5.1) cards, but even with those this thing rocks! I used to be able to get a drink, fix a sandwich, walk the dog, wax the truck, etc... while waiting for Renegade to load, but now if I blink, I miss it. Sweet!  
Anyway, with my old system I used Norton Internet Security & Antivirus and it worked pretty well but it seemed to conflict with some other programs (AutoCad for one) and I'm wondering if anyone else has had problems with Norton Software. My brother-in-law suggested staying away from anything Norton and using Blackice and McAfee, neither of which I'm too familiar with (but are readily available to me). Any advice here on any of these programs would be appreciated.  
Thanks.

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Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Fri, 19 Mar 2004 01:56:01 GMT  
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Posted by [flyingfox](#) on Fri, 19 Mar 2004 02:14:53 GMT  
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Krazyfoxx, what in the name of badgers do your computer specifications have to do with Norton software?

McAfee works great. I've never had any trouble with it.

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Posted by [IRON FART](#) on Fri, 19 Mar 2004 02:18:16 GMT  
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I have never had Norton conflict with any of my programs before, but I had only installed NAV on my computer for a short period of time.

But the reason I did not like having Norton products on my system was because they seemed to bog everything down. Thats probably just me though. Anyway, because of this I went out and tried Blackice and McAfee.

McAfee Firewall: Did the job, but had very few options that you could change. Hardly customizable.

Blackice: Looks like crap when you install it, and does not look anywhere near as flashy as it's website. However, it does the job, and gives you basic firewall protection.

I reccomend you take a look at ZoneAlarm. It provides a good firewall service, and it very customizable. Although I have heard from people that ZA used up a little more RAM than most firewalls, its worth a peek,

And don't bother upgrading to "pro" versions of any of these. They all display a lot of harmless stuff to make you think you need their pro version.

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It was the same on my pc, that norton slows the system-speed.On the other hand i think it works well. After i changed to mcAffee, i cannot say it works better against viruses, but its more friendly to my slow xp 1600 system...

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drkhazeKrazyfoxx, what in the name of badgers do your computer specifications have to do with Norton software?

Nothing really, just thought I'd use this thread to brag a little rather than create a new one just for that Thanks for all the replies!

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Posted by [Xtrm2Matt](#) on Fri, 19 Mar 2004 07:46:17 GMT  
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I've never had a problem with Norton, apart from that 1 time where it wouldn't let me on hence not letting ANY programs access the internet.. nothing a Safe Mode and a little Folder Deleteing didn't fix

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The only issue I've ever had with Norton was it's reaction to a W32.HLLW.Gaobot.gen bot. It went into it's usual chaos mode and wouldn't close the window informing me that I have a virus, but can't remove it.

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Funny, I had the same thing reversed; when I had a virus McAfee didn't get it, but Norton did

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Posted by [tooncy](#) on Sat, 20 Mar 2004 16:37:30 GMT  
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I like PC-cillin. It works like a charm.

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Posted by [snipesimo](#) on Sat, 20 Mar 2004 23:43:39 GMT  
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AVG Free and Zonealarm are all you need to stay in good shape.

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Posted by [coolmant](#) on Sun, 21 Mar 2004 05:56:50 GMT  
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Expensive comp. I use Norton with no problems at all, but Zone Alarm blows, unless you have

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Pro. Black ICE is a good firewall as well.

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Posted by [Gus](#) on Sun, 21 Mar 2004 06:52:37 GMT

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I use only free stuffs for protection: ZoleAlarm (firewall), AVG (anti-virus)and Ad-Aware (spyware cleaning) and never had any problem.

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Thanks for all the info guys

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