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Posted by [Mark McDermott](#) on Tue, 23 May 2006 17:25:24 GMT

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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Thu, 25 May 2006 17:12:53 GMT

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<http://www.eweek.com/article2/0,1895,1967941,00.asp>

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Thanks Aaron. I'll check out those options. You use zone alarm at home, don't you? I think that you turned me on to it, could be wrong though. Anyway, it seems to do the job for me, but there's obviously some negative sentiment about it.

Rod

"Aaron Allen" <nospam@not\_here.dude> wrote:

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>"Rod Lincoln" <rlincoln@nospam.kc.rr.com> wrote in message

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Rod

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 17:13:30 GMT  
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I'm using Norton here along with XSoftspy. Between these two, I'm good. I wouldn't put it on an audio machine though. Works fine for me on an office rig, but there is a small performance hit.....to be expected, IMO. The only problems I've ever had with Norton was getting my head around a few issues with Norton and networking, so I enlisted a young geek'ster to do it for me so I could watch. I think I still remember and IIRC, it was easy.....(now WTF did he do?)

;o)

"W. Mark Wilson" <[wmarkwilson@integrity.com](mailto:wmarkwilson@integrity.com)> wrote in message  
news:44763f38@linux...

> Same here Rod - never.

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> Dubya

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> "Rod Lincoln" <[rlincoln@nospam.kc.rr.com](mailto:rlincoln@nospam.kc.rr.com)> wrote in message

> news:4475e595\$1@linux...

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>> I'm curious, what do you mean by "Raped" your system. I've never  
>> experienced

>> what other people are saying about Norton. That being said, I'm not  
trying

>> to defend it either. If there's something better, I would like to be  
using

>> it.

>> Rod

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Subject: Re: OT: Should I dump Norton??????

Posted by [wmarkwilson](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 17:22:57 GMT

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It was their regular "suite" the user had purchased at Costco. And I'm with you on Symantec. I currently use NAV Corp Edition 8.1.x I forget it's there until it notifies me in the manner I told I want notification of a virus or potential virus.

Dubya

"Aaron Allen" <nospam@not\_here.dude> wrote in message news:4476703c\$1@linux...

> Just wondering.. were you using McAfee managed by chance? That thing is a  
> giant pile of crap, and you'd be dead on to say you get to configure  
> 'nothing' about it. Their A/V I'm ok with, and the firewall I don't like.  
> Zone Alarm and AVG have never once failed me on my personal boxes.  
> Corporate.. well, that's another thing I have to live in a box on. But  
> Norton? Haven't had any kind of luck with it that is good. Nice to hear  
> another POV though, I don't feel quite as trodden upon by Symantec :)  
> AA

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> "W. Mark Wilson" <wmarkwilson@integrity.com> wrote in message  
> news:44763ee0@linux...

>> This is all just odd to me... reading the great jonesing on McAfee and  
>> the negative reference to Norton as "invasive." I've have always found  
>> McAffees stuff to be incredibly invasive and Norton (System works in  
>> particular) to be very background, make it do what you want and not what  
>> you don't. I recently got a call to fix 2 PC's... each had McCaffee and  
>> each was healed with the removal of McAfee. The other thing with  
>> McAfee versus any other AV/SystemHealth I've seen is the lack of  
>> configurability and the absolute BS it throws in your face that you can't  
>> turn off. McAfee has exhibited unwanted unwarranted paranoia about every  
>> little thing. Disbale it to install a new app and it turns itself back  
>> on to tell you that it believes your neighbor's cat may be using a  
>> dial-up connection to email Lex Luther's evil twin in an attempt to have  
>> your brother-in-law sent back to prison. Ignore that and it tell you that  
>> tomorrow, you're gonna have a wreck and kill 2 nuns and 6 baby ducks if  
>> you don't upgrade now. Whereas, Norton just does it job, doesn't fill  
>> every available space in your browser bars with marketing hype and your  
>> OS with flashing lights and sirens.

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>> Dubya

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>> "tonehouse" <zmcleod@comcast.net> wrote in message  
>> news:447351c4\$1@linux...

>>> Hi there Rod...Get rid of ZoneAlarm !!! it is totally useless,and causes  
>>> all

>>> sorts of problems.....I also HATE Norton...their software is very

>>> "invasive",and probably mostly useless too....  
>>> "john" <no@no.com> wrote in message news:44734fb6\$1@linux...  
>>>>  
>>>> I have had great success with McAfee. Go to [www.saleircular.com](http://www.saleircular.com) and  
>>> pick  
>>>> your state and on the bottom pick free after rebate. Often antivirus  
>>>> is  
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>>>> "Mark McDermott" <mark@stateofwail.com> wrote:  
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>>>> >Hi Rod,  
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>>>> >Check out [www.bitdefender.com](http://www.bitdefender.com) and a program named Spyware Doctor. That  
>>> might  
>>>> >be all you need. The combo of the two has kept my kids PC free of  
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> <http://www.polesoft.com/refer.html>  
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Subject: Re: Should I dump Norton??????  
Posted by [tonehouse](#) on Fri, 26 May 2006 21:01:40 GMT  
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This is what I'm saying

Paul Reiser

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