

What is the best internet security software? This can be a controversial subject at times because everyone has their own opinion of what is the best internet security software. The thing that I would like to compare is the differences between free software and software that you buy from some of the big name companies.

### **Is it free software?**

I know that this is the first avenue that people will take when they are looking for software to protect their computers from online threats. But is it the best one for you to have total protection? If you are not really concerned about having the best protection that you can get and if you are not willing to pay for it you will always be settling for second best. It is a fact that of all the free internet security software that you can get to protect your computer does not protect you as well as the top products of the big companies that you can buy.

I don't know if anyone is following the trend of free internet security software companies. They offer free software but also offer that software in an upgraded version that is for sale. I guess that it might just be me but it makes you wonder if they are saving their top of the line products for paying customers and offer up their "watered down" versions for free.

Another problem with getting free software is that they don't come bundled up in a suite or package. It doesn't really pose a real problem but it is just nice to get all your protection in one neat little downloadable package. This also saves you from having multiple programs installed and keeping them updated.

### **Do you buy?**

This is for people who really want to protect their computers or networks at any cost. This has always been my personal way to go when I wanted to protect my computers from internet threats. I know that allot of people might be saying why pay for it when I can get it for free. Well if you are really concerned about internet security for your computers protection you would consider this route. Why? Because of all the internet security that is free none of them perform as well as the ones you can buy and those are just the facts.

One of the other benefits of buying your software is that you can get it in one neat downloadable bundle and you only have to run one update to have all your bundled software updated. Another thing too is that if you chose to buy internet security in a suite or bundle it is cheaper for total protection. And most companies offer some kind of tech support if you experience problems with the software. I would recommend one thing though if you consider buying a suite is that you have enough memory to run it.

The draw back with suites is that it can lag your system causing it to run slower if updates and scans are taking place while you are using your computer. So you should have at least 1 gigabyte of memory when considering internet security suites.

So when you are looking for the best internet security software the choice is really up to you in what direction you want to go. There are lots of things to consider and what level of protection that you want but the most important thing is that you take the necessary steps and get some form of internet security installed on your computer. Because at least having something is always better than nothing.

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