

AV-Comparatives releases August 2018 results of their Consumer Real-World Protection Test of Internet Security Suites

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INNSBRUCK, TYROL, ÖSTERREICH, September 18, 2018 / EINPresswire.com/ -- AV-Comparatives' Real-World Protection Test is currently the most comprehensive and complex test available, using a large number of test cases. Currently, we are running this test under Microsoft Windows 10 Pro RS4 64 Bit with up-to-date thirdparty software (such as Adobe Flash, Adobe Acrobat Reader, Java, etc.). Due to this, finding in-the-field working exploits and running malware is much more challenging than e.g. under an non-up-to-date system with unpatched/vulnerable third-party applications.

This fact sheet is a short overview of the Whole-Product Dynamic Real-World Protection Test results of July 2018. The detailed overall result consumer product reports (covering five months each) are released in July and December. Each of the overall result reports will also contain a falsealarm test and will contain the awards the products reached based on their



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overall scores during the respective five-month period. For more information about this Real-World Protection Test, please read the detailed factsheet.

https://www.av-comparatives.org/tests/real-world-protection-test-august-2018-factsheet/

Testcases

Over the year we evaluate several tens of thousands malicious URLs. Unfortunately, many of these have to be discarded for various reasons. We remove duplicates such as the same malware hosted on different domains or IP addresses, sites already tested, "grey" or non-malicious sites/files, and malware/sites disappearing during the test. Many malicious URLs

carrying exploits were not able to compromise the chosen system/applications because of the patch level. This means that the vulnerabilities in the third-party applications on the system were already patched and the exploits could therefore not deliver their malicious payload. Users should be aware that by always keeping their system and third-party applications up-to-date/patched, they can dramatically decrease the risk posed by exploits.

Test Results

The results are based on the test set of 186 live test cases (malicious URLs found in the field), consisting of working exploits (i.e. drive-by downloads) and URLs pointing directly to malware. Thus exactly the same infection vectors are used as a typical user would experience in everyday life. The test-cases used cover a wide range of current malicious sites and provide insights into the



protection given by the various products (using all their protection features) while surfing the web.

Every month (from February to June and from July to November) we update the charts on our website showing the protection rates of the various tested products over the various months. The interactive charts can be found on our website. The chart below shows only the protection scores for the month of JULY 2018 (186 test cases). The results of the false-positives test are also shown in the monthly factsheets/graph.

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