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Research shows that macOS is vulnerable to malware and PUA too

AV-Comparatives releases report of 2020 Mac antivirus test

INNSBRUCK, TIROL, AUSTRIA, June 29, 2020 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Independentantivirus testing lab [AV-Comparatives](#) has released the [report](#) of its 2020 [Mac](#) certification test and review of security programs for Apple's macOS operating system.

7 consumer products and 2 business solutions were put through theirpaces on macOS Catalina systems.

AV-Comparatives Mac Test and Review 2020

Six consumer products passed the test and were certified by the Austrian testinstitute. These are (in alphabetical order):

Tested Products

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>
> *Peter Stelzhammer, co-founder*

Avast Security for Mac, AVG Internet Security for Mac, Avira Antivirus Pro for Mac, Bitdefender Antivirus for Mac, Kaspersky Internet Security for Mac and Trend Micro Antivirus for Mac. The two enterprise products, CrowdStrike Falcon Prevent for Mac and FireEye Endpoint Security for Mac, were likewise approved.

Certification

To be certified, products had to demonstrate a high degree of protection againstprevalent Mac threats, and produce no false alarms with common, legitimate software for macOS. Approved products also had to provide protection without slowing the system down, have real-time protection, carry out essential functions reliably, and avoid confusing the user

with misleading alerts.

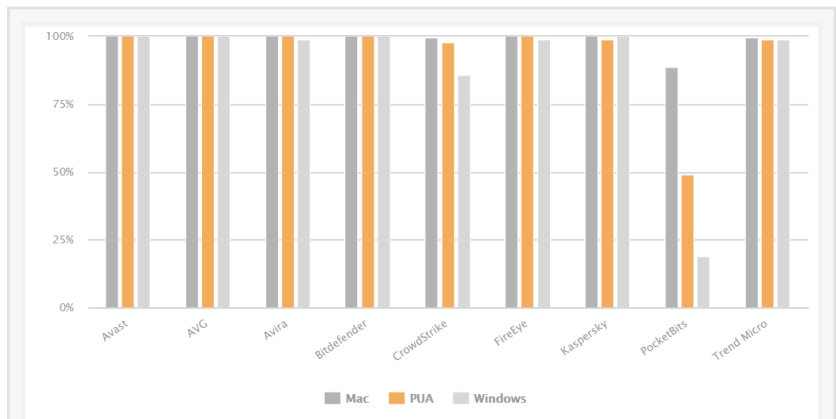Research shows that macOS is vulnerable to malware and PUA too

Malware research by AV-Comparatives has shown that viable malicious programs targeting macOS are still being produced, and that Mac users are not immune to cyberattacks. There has been rapid growth in potentially unwanted applications (PUA) for Mac recently.

Potentially Unwanted Programs

AV-Comparatives also tested each product against a wide array of potentially unwanted programs for macOS, and the results of this are included in the report. Additionally, all participating products were tested for their ability to detect Windows malware. This ensures that Mac users do not inadvertently pass on malicious Windows files to family, friends or colleagues. Results of the Windows-malware detection test can also be found in the report.

How to keep a system safe

As well as the test results, the report includes general security advice to Mac users on how to keep their systems safe. There is also an in-depth review of each product, describing its installation and daily use, and how it alerts the user when malware is found. Readers are thus given a picture of how easy the products are to use.

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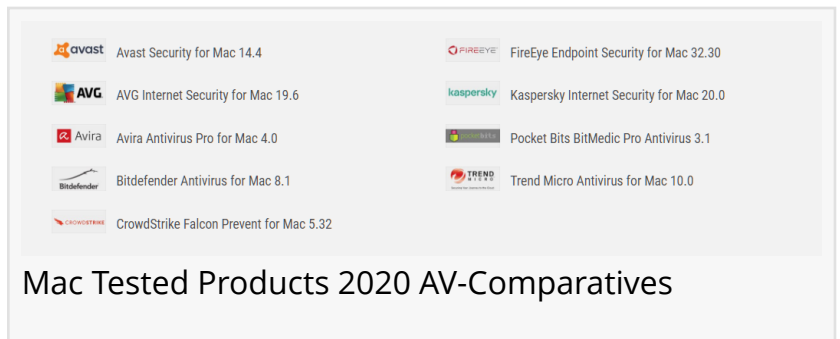AV-Comparatives Mac Test and Review 2020 Certificate

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AVG	AVG Internet Security for Mac 19.6	kaspersky	Kaspersky Internet Security for Mac 20.0
Avira	Avira Antivirus Pro for Mac 4.0		Pocket Bits BitMedic Pro Antivirus 3.1
Bitdefender	Bitdefender Antivirus for Mac 8.1	TREND	Trend Micro Antivirus for Mac 10.0
CROWDSTRIKE	CrowdStrike Falcon Prevent for Mac 5.32		

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