

F-Secure Health Check Service Enables Internet Users to Test Their PC's Wellbeing

A Landmark Service in a Holistic Approach to Internet Safety

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F-Secure Corporation today announced a new service in its Online Wellbeing offering, a portfolio of consumer solutions that enable Internet users to take full advantage of the opportunities in their networked lives without the need to worry about vulnerabilities or security risks on their PC's.

The Internet presents incredible opportunities for creativity, social interaction, entertainment, information access, management of personal memories and conducting business. This has increased the exchange of confidential information online, and for this reason it has become ever more important to carefully secure access to the wealth of resources the Internet has to offer.

Having a security suite installed is an important first step to staying safe, but in F-Secure's experience, many people have outdated security software or incomplete freeware solutions that are vulnerable to the constantly evolving security threats, often giving the Internet user a false sense of security.

To reach a good level of security, it is no longer enough to simply address the antivirus and firewall part of the equation. To avoid becoming a target for security attacks, it has become necessary to look out for vulnerabilities in the dozens of application software packages a modern PC typically has installed, while at the same time making sure that the latest operating system patches are always installed. This constant need to update can be a challenge for most household users, and many PC's therefore remain vulnerable.

F-Secure Health Check addresses this problem by enabling Internet users to perform a comprehensive over-the-web check on the overall security status of their PC, including the operating system, web browsers, email clients and other application software. The service is designed to verify if a PC is safe to use online and to help users solve potential security problems in their PCs with assisted software upgrades and security advice.

F-Secure Health Check is offered for ISPs as a fully customizable and localizable solution to help boost subscriber satisfaction through a useful extra service, while driving subscribers to find out more about the ISP's service portfolio.

F-Secure presents this service free of charge for end users. To check your Windows PC, simply use Internet Explorer 6 or higher to access the web site below and start the F-Secure Health Check service. It is quick and easy to run, and will not change your system configuration.

More information, and the service itself is available at <http://www.f-secure.com/healthcheck>

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About F-Secure Corporation

F-Secure Corporation protects consumers and businesses against computer viruses and other threats from the Internet and mobile networks. F-Secure's award-winning solutions are available as a service subscription through more than 160 Internet service provider and mobile operator partners around the world, making F-Secure the global leader in this market. The solutions are also available as licensed products through thousands of resellers globally.

The company aspires to be the most reliable security provider, helping make computer and smartphone users' connected lives safe and easy. This is substantiated by the company's independently proven ability to respond faster to new threats than its main competitors. Founded in 1988, and headquartered in Finland, F-Secure has been listed on the OMX Nordic Exchange Helsinki 1999. The company has consistently been one of the fastest growing publicly listed companies in the industry. The latest news on real-time virus threat scenarios is available at the F-Secure Data Security Lab weblog at <http://www.f-secure.com/weblog/>

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