



Kaspersky Anti-Virus

- Last week we had an item on updating Windows device drivers
- This led to a discussion on anti-virus and security suite software
- A question posted in the Chat window was not answered at the time:

How do you rate Kaspersky?

- So, how do OPCUG members rate Kaspersky?



- There is the controversy about the U.S. banning sale in the US of products from Kaspersky:

“...concerns the firm is closely tied to Russia and poses a security risk.”

<https://globalnews.ca/news/10580200/kaspersky-cyber-product-us-ban/>

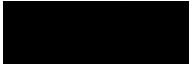
- If anyone is strictly concerned about the effectiveness of Kaspersky in terms of antivirus etc., note that it is one of the main AV products out there
- This spring AV Test rated it as a "Top Product"

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kaspersky Plus 21.16



- But I don't worry a lot about placement on rating scales
- In my "*Protecting your PC*" presentation, I advocate just picking any of the main AV products (and Kaspersky certainly fits the bill there) and keeping it up to date
- Having said that, there are free AV solutions, such as Microsoft Defender, that are considered top-tier
- Certainly, don't try to chase the latest "winner" in comparative reviews - that's a mug's game

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Kaspersky Shuts Down US Operations Following Nationwide Ban

Kaspersky is reportedly closing its US office and laying off staff weeks after the US banned the sale of its antivirus software in the country and sanctioned company executives.

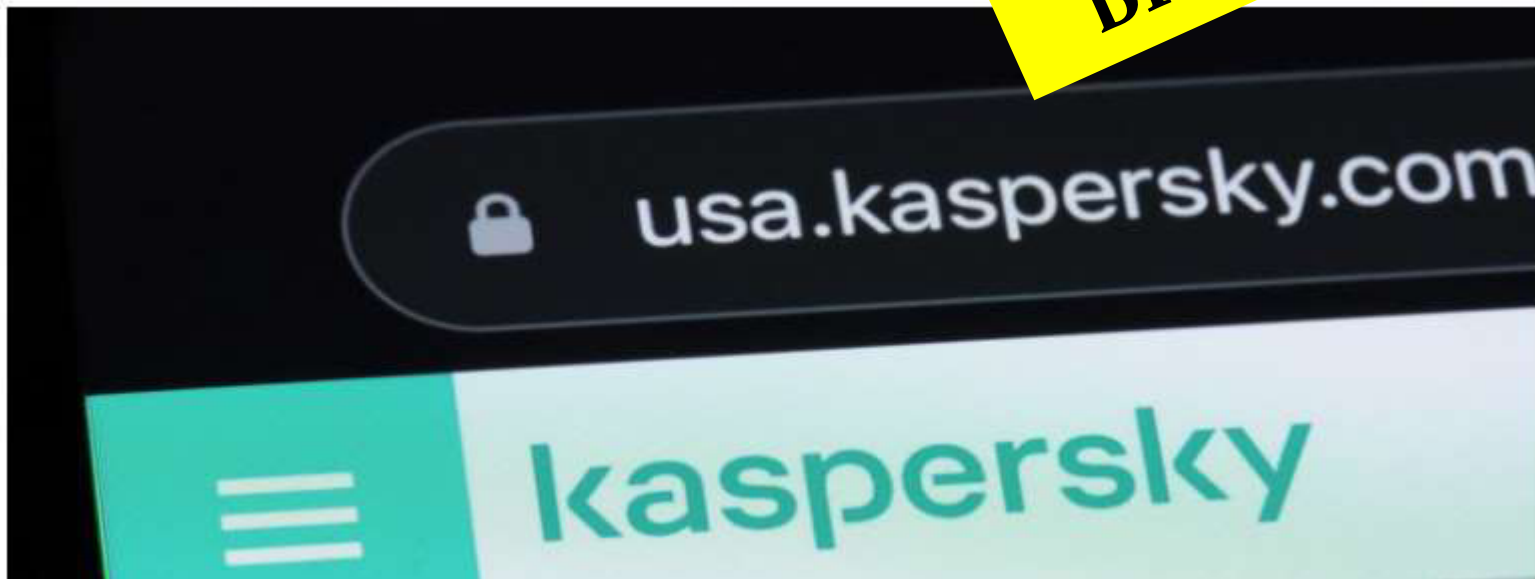


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<https://www.pcmag.com/news/kaspersky-shutting-down-us-operations-following-nationwide-ban>

- I used Kaspersky some years ago
- I bought a three-year membership deal
- After the first year, they kept asking me to renew my annual membership
- I told them a few times that I have a three-year membership
- At the end of the third year, I dropped them
- At that time, my thinking was if they can't get those small things right, how could they possibly be expected to get the tough stuff right?
- You might say that there are two different offices within Kaspersky - one for admin and one for battling malware; not sure if that convinces me

Elizabeth [REDACTED]

- I have been using Kaspersky software for more than 10 years
- I would rate the protection as excellent
- The software is updated several times each day
- There are several features that make it a very useful package beyond A-V protection
 - a VPN is included
 - monitors hard drive temperatures
 - ad blocking
 - (can be annoying unless you declare websites for which this feature is not to be applied)
- Lab support for any problems is readily available

- ITFACTORY.CA is an ideal source for the Kaspersky software
- Many other Canadian suppliers have discontinued the product.



KASPERSKY

Kaspersky Antivirus -
Download

★★★★★ (86)

From \$17.95 ~~\$39.95~~

- I used Kaspersky for many years and liked it a lot
- However, I stopped using it as there were issues with it being a Russian product
- I switched to Bitdefender (paid version)
- I have been happy with that as a substitute



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- There is some controversy about Kaspersky Anti-Virus due to various bans and allegations of Russian government ties
- Common advice is to pick a security product or suite and stick with it
- This can be Microsoft Defender or, more often, one of the Gen Digital products
- Gen Digital Inc. is a multinational software company co-headquartered in Tempe, Arizona and Prague, Czech Republic
- The company provides cybersecurity software and services, including: Norton, Avast, AVG, and Avira

Gen

Bob [REDACTED]

- Norton AntiVirus, Norton Small Business, Norton Family, Norton Mobile Security, Norton Online Backup, Norton 360, Norton Utilities and Norton Computer Tune Up
- Avast Antivirus, Avast Premium Security, Avast Cleanup, Avast Secure Browser, and Avast SecureLine VPN – *Avast is is the most popular antivirus vendor on the market*
- AVG AntiVirus, AVG Internet Security, AVG Secure VPN, AVG PC TuneUp, and AVG Driver Updater
- Avira Free Security, Avira Internet Security, Avira Prime and Avira Phantom VPN
- Other products offered include: CCleaner, Recuva, Speccy, Defraggler, HMA, and SONAR.