



# CheckVir Antivirus Testing and Certification

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# CheckVir project



- **Developing automatic anti-virus testing methods**  
(from the end of 2000)
  - *automatic replicating algorithms for different type of viruses*
  - *automatic procedures for testing AV software*
- **Anti-virus testing monthly**  
(from April 2002)
  - *testing on-access and on-demand scanner on 1 or 2 platforms*
- **CheckVir Anti-Virus Certification Program**  
(from January 2004)
  - *standard and advanced level*

# Testing procedures



- **Replicating samples**
- **Classification of samples**
- **Executing antivirus software**
- **Result analysis**

# Replicating samples



- **Using emulator (VMWare, Win4Lin, DOSemu, ...)**
  - not real environment in some cases
  - easy to control
  - easy to provide the security
- **Using native environment**
  - real environment
  - difficult to control
  - difficult to provide the security

# Classification samples



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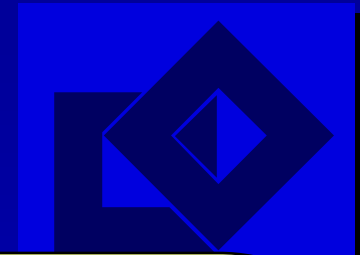
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# Classification samples



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infect

## How to remove?

- restore the original state
- same functionality
- delete

# Executing antivirus software



- **Different settings:**
  - on-access or on-demand scan
  - scan only or scan & kill
  - different options
- **Execute in one step or separate the test collection**
- **Execute in real or in emulated environment**

# Result analysis



- **Analysis of report files**

- **Problems:**

- AV has to create and store report file of all events
    - difficult to distinguish between delete and kill by delete actions

- **Analysis of selected action's results**

- **Problems:**

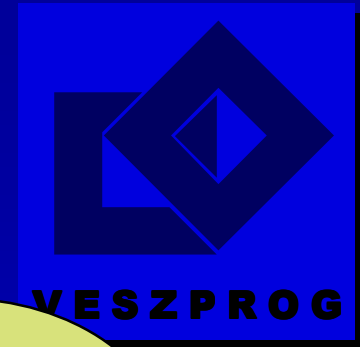
- antivirus products have to be executed more times
    - different antivirus software – different actions

# Anti-Virus Certification Program



- **Certification procedures**
  - on-demand scanning
  - e-mail and on-access scanning

# Anti-Virus Certification Program



- **Certification**

- on-demand
- e-mail

A product or a set of products may be submitted into the certification program.

If the case of a set of products then they may receive the certification **TOGETHER!**

# Anti-Virus Certification Program



- **Certification procedures**
  - on-demand scanning
  - e-mail and on-access scanning
- **Virus set -> mix of new and old Wildlist viruses**
  - at least 80% from the last 3 months
  - maximum 20% from previous lists
- **Deadlines**
  - List of used viruses is published on 1<sup>st</sup> of each month
  - AV products should be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> of each month
  - AV products are installed and updated by 15<sup>th</sup> of each month
  - results are published about 10<sup>th</sup> of the next month

# Certification Levels



- **Standard Level**

- Searching capability only
- Every sample has to be detected

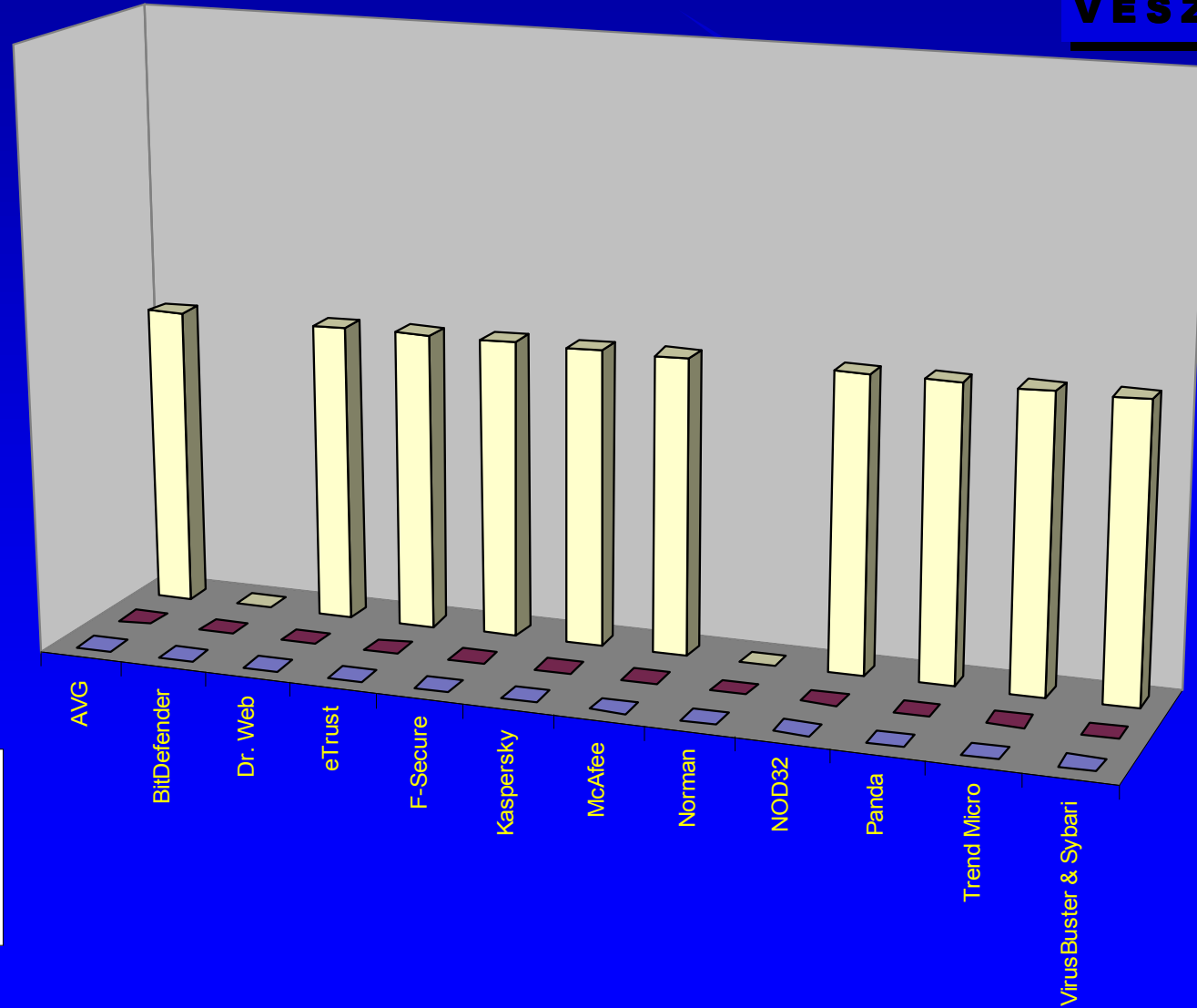


- **Advanced Level**

- Searching and disinfection capability
- Virus code has to be erased
- Disinfected object has to be the same functionality as before infection
- Loss of information is accepted if the user has been previously informed



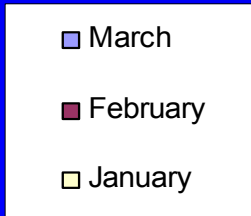
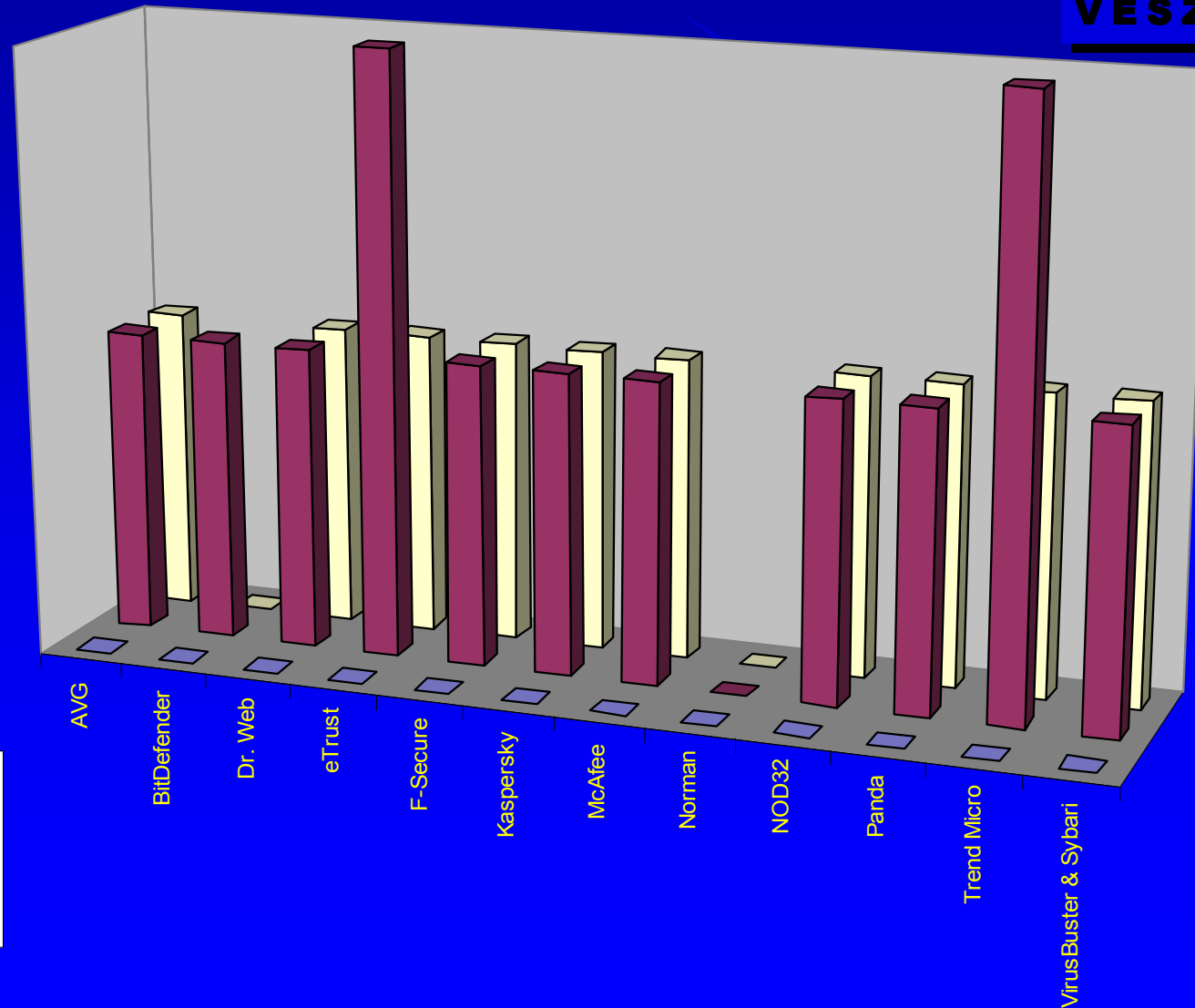
# Certification results



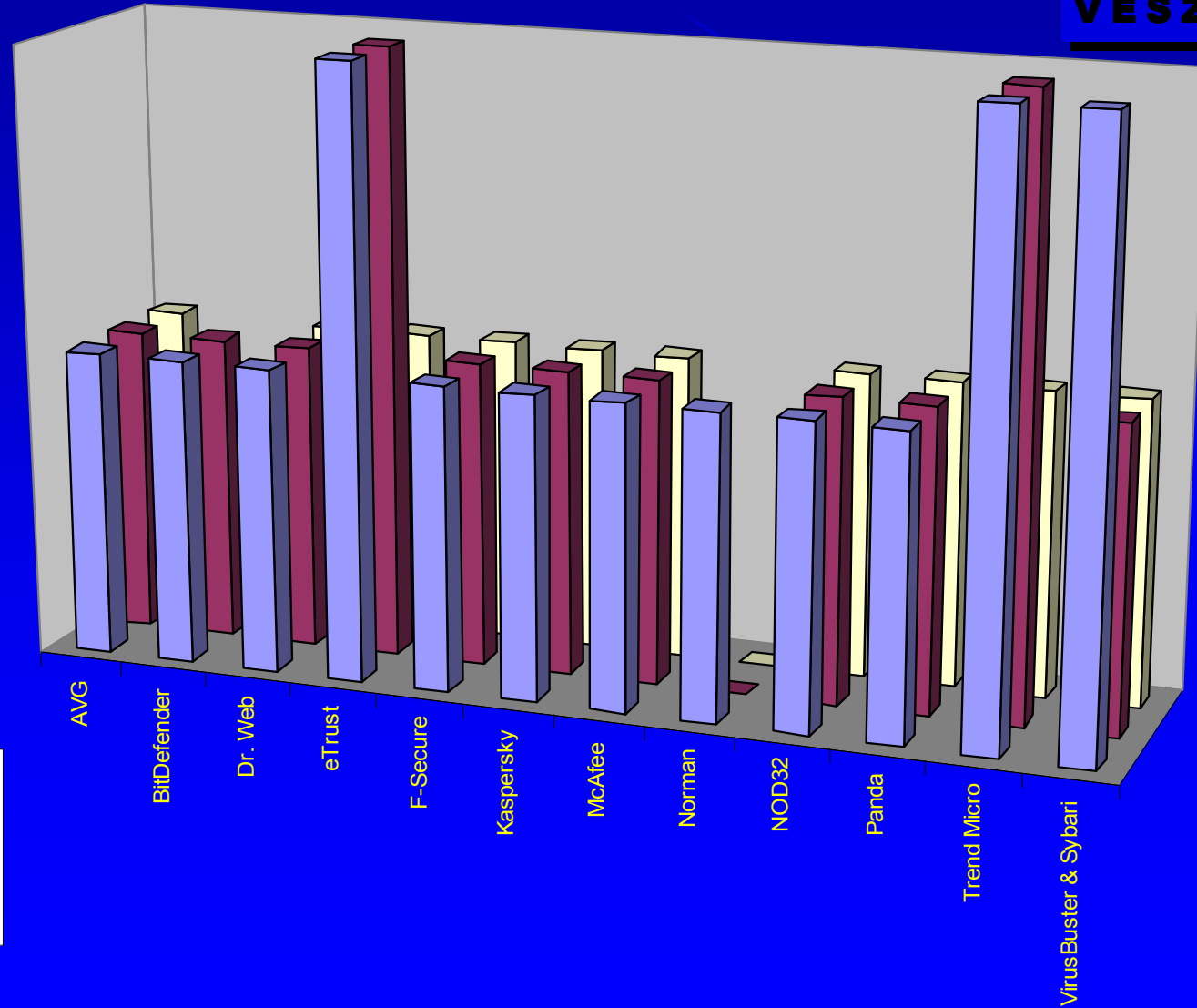
- March
- February
- January



# Certification results



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- March
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# Future plans



- **Advanced+ Level (from July 2004)**
  - Restoring capability of the whole system
  - Virus code has to be erased from every infected object
  - System has to be the same functionality as before the infection
  - Modified objects (e.g. registry database) has to be restored

# Future plans



- **Real-time AV Testing**
  - Automatic tests
    - if new AV database exists
    - if there is a new widespread virus
  - Automatic analysis of results
  - Automatic publication on  
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**Anti-Virus Certification Program**

During the CheckVir anti-virus testing project the anti-virus certification program has been started in January 2004. On-demand and on-access scanning methods of anti-virus products are tested monthly on various platforms against in-the-wild viruses. [More...](#)

During the certification process we use the following viruses:  
[April 2004](#) | [May 2004](#)

**About CheckVir project**



The main purpose of CheckVir project is testing anti-virus products and solutions independently from developers, helping users and anti-virus companies as well.

Starting of the project was supported by the Hungarian Ministry of Education, Research and Development Division (KTA-00035/2000) and by the Hungarian Ministry of Informatics and Communications (SZT-35-50001/10/2001).

**Results - March 2004**

In March 2004 antivirus products was tested under Windows XP Professional - Outlook Express (client) and under Windows 2000 Server + Exchange 2000 (server) platforms. The following products received CheckVir STANDARD certification:



**Client**

- AVG Anti-virus Professional Edition
- BitDefender Professional Edition
- Dr. Web Scanner for Windows
- E-Secure Anti-Virus Client Security
- Kaspersky Anti-Virus Workstation
- McAfee VirusScan Enterprise
- NOD32 Antivirus System
- Norman Virus Control
- Panda Titanium Antivirus 2004

**Server**

- AVG Anti-Virus 7.0 Email Server Edition
- BitDefender for MS-Exchange 2000
- E-Secure Anti-Virus for MS Exchange
- Kaspersky Anti-Virus for MS Exchange Server 2000
- McAfee GroupShield 6.0 for MS Exchange
- NOD32 Antivirus System
- Norman Virus Control v5 for MS

