



Anti-Virus Comparative

Single Product Test

PCLive Security

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1. Tested product

We tested PCLive Security from SecurityCoverage (<http://www.pclive.com>) with **last signature update and version** of the **27th October 2007** and with highest settings under Windows XP SP2. The **used test-set** is from the **5th August 2007** and contains over 800.000 malware samples.

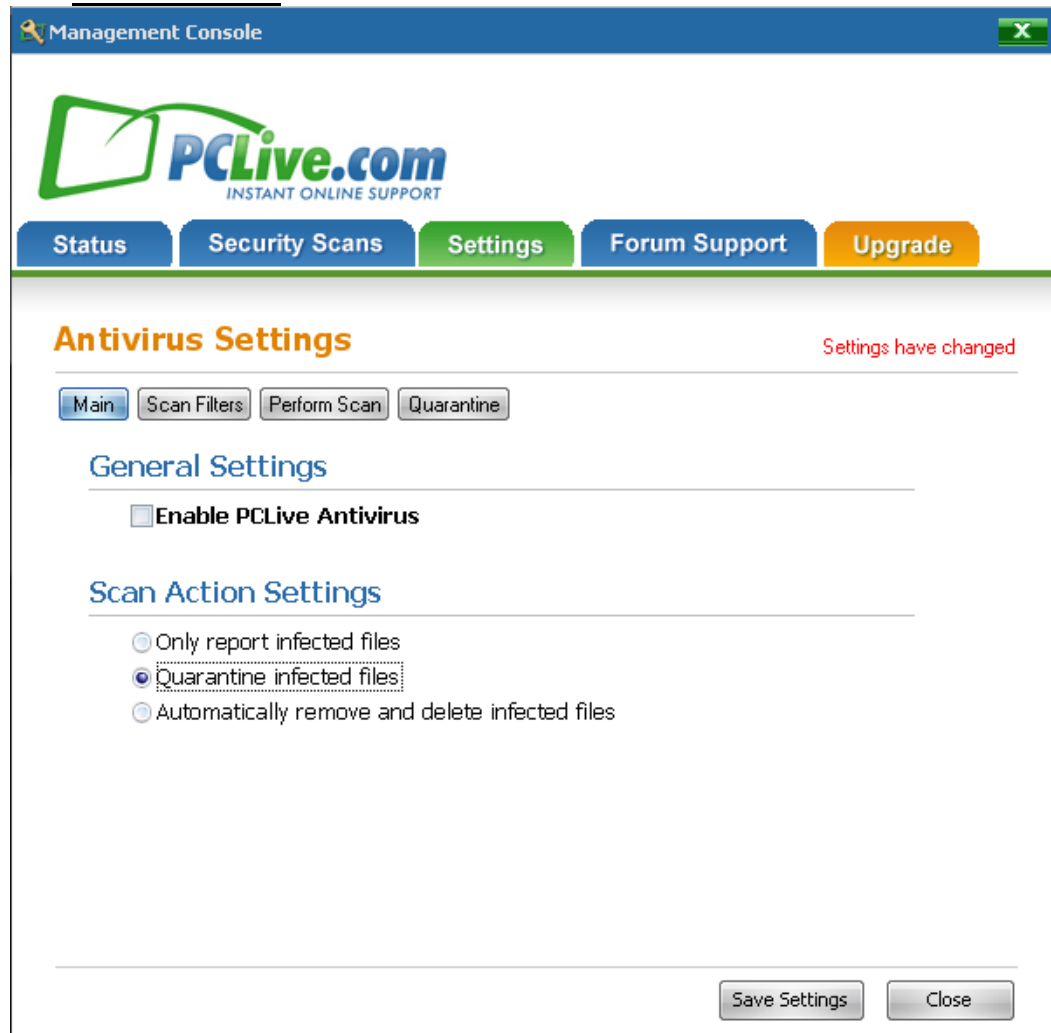
2. Test results

Below the on-demand detection rates of PCLive Security:

Windows viruses	81%
Macro viruses	87%
Script viruses/malware	62%
Worms	83%
Backdoors	64%
Trojans	66%
Other malware	47%
OtherOS viruses/malware	37%
TOTAL detection rate:	69%

Considering that the used test-set is about three months old and that PCLive Security still has a total detection rate of only 69%, PCLive Security would in our tests NOT reach our minimum (STANDARD) award.

3. Screenshot



4. Comments

PCLive Security (www.pclive.com) is a free Internet Security Suite with on-access scan functionality with on-access scan functionality that includes the ClamAV engine and signatures as well as its own malware detection and removal engine. SecurityCoverage offers (for a given monthly fee) technical support for all kind of PC application problems.

Before installation, PCLive Security requires a free registration and checks if other antivirus products are already installed on the PC (and if yes, the user is asked to uninstall the other products). Usually this is good, but as this Anti-Virus product has low detection rates, we do not suggest to rely on this software alone. The software has not yet be internationalized or localized, so it can happen that it does not fully work on non-english Windows XP versions. When we tested it on a German Windows XP version, we encountered several annoying bugs and crashes, therefore we recommend to do NOT use this software on non-english operation systems until it has been fixed by SecurityCoverage. Another problem we noticed on a non-English operation system is that if you are installing PCLive Security on a PC on which UltraVNC is installed, it is possible that UltraVNC will (also after the uninstall of PCLive Security) have some problems. This is maybe because PCLive Security is installing and overwriting some files with its own remote access software. Also this may happen only on non-English operation systems. If you are using an English operation system the above problems may not affect you.

PCLive Security is not yet certified by ICSALabs, WestCoastLabs or VirusBulletin. Due the low detection rates of PCLive Security in our tests, we can not yet recommend its use.

Due the low scores it got in this test, AV-Comparatives will exceptionally again test PCLive Security in Spring 2008, to see how it scores on an actual test-set and if it improved and fixed the bugs.

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