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Introduction

This fact sheet[1] is a short overview of the Whole Product Dynamic Real World Protection Test results of March 2012. The detailed overall result reports (covering four months each) are released during July and December. The overall result reports will contain also a false alarm test and will award the products based on their overall scores. **For more information about this Real World Protection Test, please read the details and previous test reports available on http://www.av-comparatives.org**

Graph of protection

Every month (from March to June and from August to November) we update on our website two charts showing the protection rates of the various tested products over the various months. The interactive charts can be found on our website.
The chart below shows only the protection scores for the month of MARCH 2012.
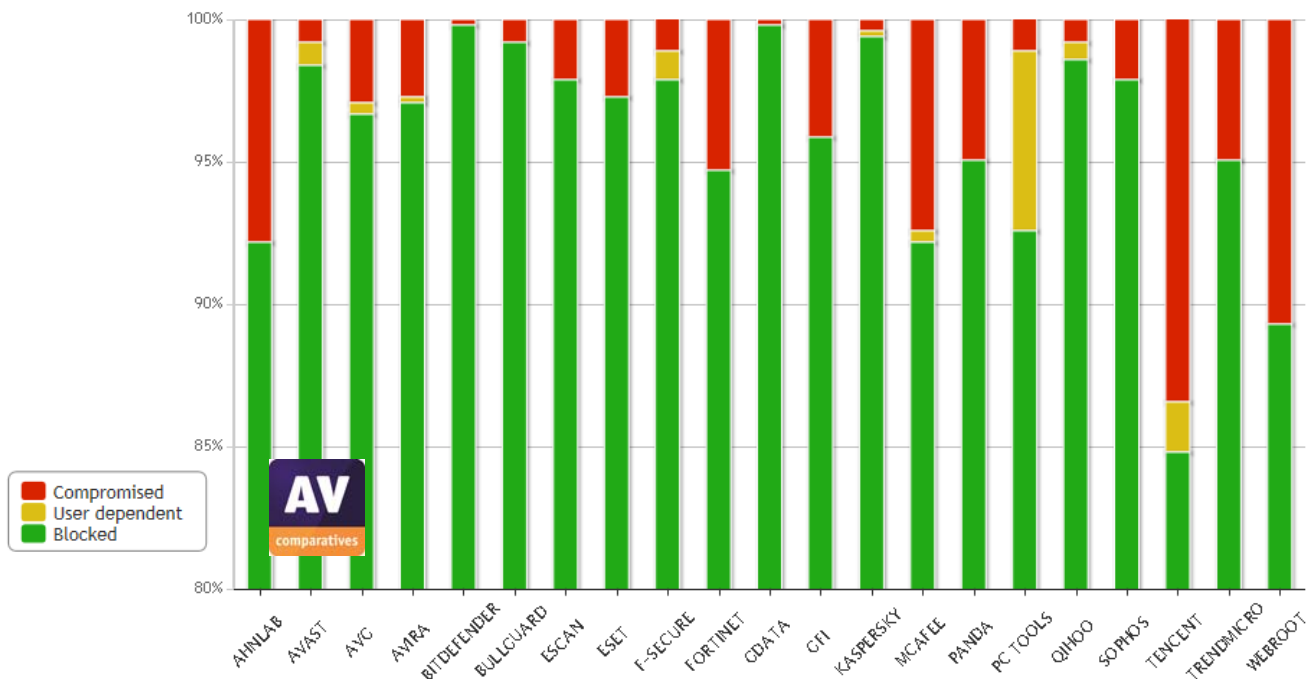
Tested Cases

Our Whole Product Protection Test is currently the most comprehensive and complex test available, using a relatively large quantity of test-cases. Over the year we evaluate over ten thousands of malicious URLs. Unfortunately, a big part has to be discarded for various reasons. We have to filter out exploits which are not running on the chosen patch level, duplicates like malware hosted on same domain or IP, already tested sites, "grey" or clean sites, malware/sites disappearing during the test, etc. Nevertheless, the remaining valid test-cases cover a wide range of actual malicious sites and provide insights about the protection given by the various products (using all their protection features) while surfing the web. The above results are based on a test set of **512** live test cases (malicious URLs), consisting of exploits (i.e. drive-by downloads) and some URLs pointing directly to malware.

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[1] The full report will be released in July.

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