

All-round protection against a wide variety of threats is the key to this group of solutions, says **Peter Stephenson**

In the enterprise environment, anti-malware management tools pose a few challenges. For example, how do you implement anti-malware management in a 10,000-user enterprise that is spread around the world? And, once implemented, how do you support it with timely updates and

logging and alerting of events? That is the subject of this group review.

In the course of writing this review, we looked for several things on these products. First, some came complete with the anti-malware product licences in place. You simply set up the

software or appliance and launch your malware-management scheme. Others work in conjunction with a suite of anti-malware products. In either event, we were interested in what types of malware these products could manage.

## F-Secure Client Security 7



**Supplier** F-Secure  
**Price** c£15 for 100 user licences per installation  
**Contact** [www.f-secure.com](http://www.f-secure.com)

Two features make F-Secure Client Security 7 highly functional. The first, called DeepGuard, is a host-based intrusion prevention system that enables the product to adapt and see possible threats that are unknown. The second feature, BlackLight, searches for problems below the surface or those that may be hidden in programs such as rootkits.

We found this solution to be quite easy to use. Following installation, which only took minutes, we opened up the management console and had clients deployed and scanning almost instantly. The management

console itself is very intuitive and easy to navigate. It also provides statistics and policy information on clients in a simple tab-top layout.

This product has the combined ability to find computers based on Active Directory and to easily deploy and manage clients. We found it to be very efficient. F-Secure Client Security 7 protects against all the dangerous threats such as viruses, network worm attacks, spyware, rootkits and zero-day threats. It also incorporates a firewall.

Documentation, in PDF format, is included on a CD and consists of a getting-started guide and a reviewers' guide. The former illustrates installing both the policy manager and the client, while the reviewers' guide details the basic configuration and functions of the product. Although the guides were easy to follow and understand, the getting-started guide lacked screenshots and deployment diagrams. Including these would have added to the effectiveness of the documentation. The administrators' guide can be found on the vendor website. We

found it to be well organised and easy to understand with many screenshots.

The purchase of a licence includes support and maintenance service for one year. After that, service can be purchased for an annual fee, which is usually 50 per cent of the retail price. Support service includes email support within two business days.

This product offers a large amount of protection for a fair price. We find that its ease of use, flexibility and extensive scope of protection make this product a great value for the money.

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Features	★★★★★
Performance	★★★★★
Ease of Use	★★★★★
Documentation	★★★★☆
Support	★★★★★
Value for Money	★★★★★
<b>OVERALL RATING</b>	<b>★★★★★</b>
<b>For</b> Very easy to install, deploy and manage clients; offers high flexibility and protection against many threats	
<b>Against</b> Getting started guide could be more effective	
<b>Verdict</b> A solid product with lots of features and a reasonable price	



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