



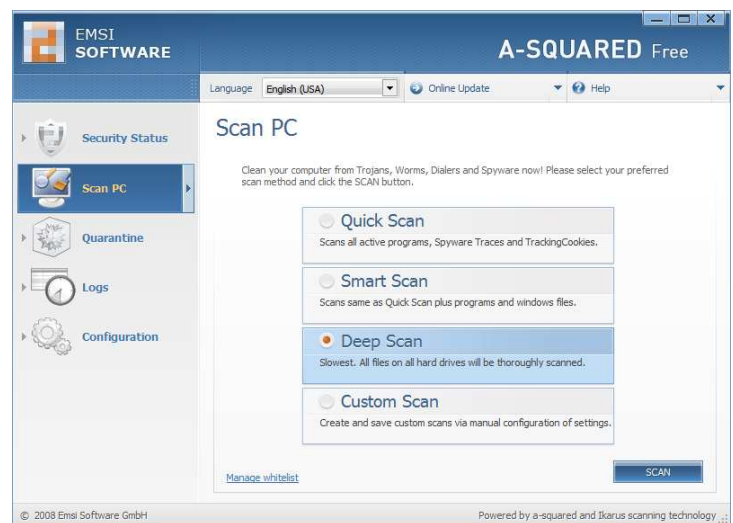
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Security for free: a-squared Free 4.0 now kills Viruses, Trojans and Spyware with two Malware scanners!

The Malware professionals at Emsi Software (a-squared Malware 4.0) can already identify 2.5 million different damaging programs – with more appearing every day. Private users can now use the a-squared Free 4.0 Malware scanner on their computers for free. Developed in close collaboration with the Virus experts at Ikarus, a-squared Free now uses two scan engines to cover the entire spectrum of dangerous Viruses, Trojans and Spyware modules.

For Emsi Software, a-squared Free 4.0 is the most important freeware release of 2008. The fact that the latest version of this software, which is free of charge for private users, appears just before Christmas is coincidence, but also appropriate. This is a gift to users that not only provides the feeling of an uninfected computer in their daily work but also a much higher level of certainty that their computer is clean.

This security program is one of the first free scanners worldwide using a twin scanner system. In addition to its own Malware engine, which primarily searches for Trojans and Spyware tools, a-squared Free 4.0 now offers the search machine developed by the virus experts at Ikarus.



Thomas Günther from Emsi Software says: "Four eyes are better than two. Better safe than sorry. Two searchers will always find more than one. What more can I say? Our freeware scanner is simply twice as thorough. The users can be sure that their computers are clean. This is also supported by automatic updates, several times a day. As of the 15th of December 2008, the program recognizes 2,479,480 dangers."

The two scan engines are so optimally tuned to each other that no duplicate signatures for the same Malware are loaded and they go easy on system resources. Users who have previously used separate Anti-Virus and Anti-Spyware software already know how much they can reduce the performance of the system.

a-squared Free 4.0: Probably the first free Malware scanner with two full-featured scan engines

a-squared Free 4.0 will be available free in the long term for private users. The scanner can be manually started and searches the entire system, individual media or manually chosen folders. Damaging software detected by this scan can be reliably removed to clean the system. a-squared Free 4.0 can be used free of charge on all the family desktop PCs and notebooks, as long as these are privately used computers.

Compared to the previous version, Emsi Software has not only increased the number of scan engines but has also optimized the user interface (GUI), making it easier for the users to navigate in the program and quickly find the important functions they are looking



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for. A new "Log" menu command shows all downloaded Updates and all quarantine measures taken by the program. The performance of the software has also been significantly optimized. The a-squared scan engine now loads 57 percent faster, uses 30 percent less RAM and scans 4 percent faster than version 3.x.

a-squared Free 4.0 (28.9 MB) is only provided free of charge for private users. The program runs under Windows XP, 2003/2008 Server and Vista. It no longer runs under Windows 98, ME and 2000.

For business and professional users: a-squared Malware 4.0

The big brother of a-squared Malware 4.0 costs US \$39.90 per annum. This includes a resident Background Guard that immediately raises an alarm when damaging software presents a threat to the system. A behavioral analysis module (Malware-IDS) is also provided, which can detect currently unknown threats purely on the basis of suspicious behavior. Surf protection is also provided, which can eliminate threats coming directly from the Web browser.

Emsi Software Homepage: <http://www.emsisoft.com/>

a-squared Free 4.0: <http://www.emsisoft.com/en/software/free/>

a-squared Anti-Malware 4.0: <http://www.emsisoft.com/en/software/antimalware/>

ABOUT EMSI SOFTWARE

Emsi Software is a private company based in Austria. The rapidly growing company is a leading European supplier of behavioral analysis technology for analysis of software, especially Malware.

The company was founded in 2003 by Christian Mairoll, realizing his vision of a virtual company: The 15 company employees are distributed all over the world but work together as if they are sitting together in a real office. The technical vision is implemented by Georg Wicherski, who enjoys a high level of respect in the security sector as a co-founder of the "Nepenthes" Honeypot project and the mwcollect Alliance (an amalgamation of Honeypot networks for automated trapping of malignant software from the Internet).

The Emsi Software product range comprises the security programs a-squared Anti-Malware, a-squared Free, a-squared HiJackFree, a-squared Anti-Dialer and, since the end of 2007, Mamutu.

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