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Kaspersky Labs CEO Eugene Kaspersky insists Microsoft is "killing off" all security competition-- Windows 10 "automatically and without warning" replaces all security software with the company's Defender alternative.



"Microsoft is gradually squeezing independent developers out of the Windows ecosystem if it has its own application for this or that purpose," a blog post by the CEO reads. "In doing so, Microsoft is acting against the interests of users since a lot of its products are of inferior quality."

Kaspersky says Microsoft gave independent developers all of a week to make their software compatible with Windows 10-- an attempt in unfairly beating the competition, he says-- and even violates the Windows 10 rule where only one anti-virus should be active on a system, since Defender occasionally switches on automatically even in the presence of an independent alternative. According to Kaspersky this "demonstrates the results of [Microsoft's] blustery activity, again egging the user on to ditch the other AV and stick with Defender."

Another Microsoft move pointed out by the CEO is the "alarming window" the OS uses to prompting users to activate Defender instead of any 3rd party security product installed on the system.

