Subject: menace WS.Reputation.1 from symantec/norton
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Many of you might be aware of this issue since 2010 but I just came across this problem now. symantec/norton AntiVirus/Internet Security products has turned into an absolute menace. Basically any programed compiled in executable binary (exe) without a Valid Certificate or an entry in symantec whitelist gets deleted as soon as downloaded into client machine with the this message. Just google "WS.Reputation.1" and see how many independent software developers getting harassed due to this. Hate to say but I myself just became a victim when I am having to explain to my clients and user why my application is being convicted and deleted immediately on download due to "WS.Reputation.1". Apparently now we developers have to raise a dispute application with symantec for every app that it happens to! Or have to raise a whitelist application with symantec before releasing the app. Not to mansion the nightmare for the nightly builds. apprently even the big names like Mozilla org was not spared. So far doesn't look like there is any solution to this problem other then getting a Certificate or getting apps white listed with norton. Anyone knows any other solution or ways to avoid this issue?

The symantec dispute form list the follwing as culprit:
Norton Internet Security or Norton AntiVirus (later than 2012)
Norton Internet Security 2012 or Norton AntiVirus 2012
Norton Internet Security 2011 or Norton AntiVirus 2011
Norton 360 (later than 6.0)
Norton 360 v6.0
Norton 360 v5.0

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