
Decision Support System Determining Computer Virus Protection Applications Using Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) Method

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Abstract

The use of information technology devices such as computers or laptops is currently increasing. The increased use is due to the fact that these devices are very supportive of our daily work activities. With the increasing use of these computers, data security on a computer or laptop device must be completely safe from virus attacks. To ward off viral attacks m aka requires the application of anti-virus to inhibit and prevent a variety of viruses that enter into the computer system so that the computer user's activity was not bothered by the many viruses are easily spread. Because there are too many antiviruses on the market, it is necessary to choose a good antivirus. One of the ways to choose antivirus is the existence of a decision support system . In this study, the Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method was applied for the anti-virus application selection system. This data assessment analysis aims to produce the best anti - virus application options that computer users can use to secure their computer data. The criteria and weights used are K1 = application rating (5%) , K2 = completeness of features (30%) , K3 = price / official license (5%) , K4 = malware detection (45%) and K5 = blocking URL (15%). Of the 25 alternatives used, the results of the study, namely alternative A1 = Kaspersky anti-virus get the highest ranking result.

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INTRODUCTION

Along with the development of information technology, the need for information technology devices is deemed very important. The use of information technology devices such as computers or laptops is currently increasing. The increased use is due to the fact that these devices are very supportive of our daily work activities. With the increasing use of these computers, data security on a computer or laptop device must be completely safe. Data and information traffic that is often used will pose a threat in itself. Threats that often arise come from a program designed to destroy data, namely viruses (Primandari, 2016). A computer virus is a small program written to change the way a computer operates, without the user's permission or knowledge so that later the virus will change the size of the infected program (Hermawan, 2016). Viruses must meet two criteria: self-run and often place their own code in the execution path of other programs and replicate themselves.

To protect and ward off data from damage caused by the virus, a computer protection application is needed, namely anti-virus protection software with the aim of inhibiting and preventing various viruses from entering the computer system so that the activity of computer users is not disturbed by the many viruses that easily spread. . Spybot is an example of an anti-spyware tool that identifies and removes types of malware very well, so we must always update it (Hermawan, 2016).

Anti-virus software is an entry level version of virus protection for our PC. All antivirus software to block or remove spyware, worms, root kits, and other types of malware. On the other hand, this particular virus protection software has fewer features than the two anti - virus suites . This software is including abilities to scan incoming emails for looking for potential threats, automatically clean or quarantine infected files, and create a rescue disk which can be in the boot, to mention a few of the many features.

The use of virus protection software must need attention, where the selection in using antivirus must be right so that the results obtained will be maximized. In determining the right virus protection option, a decision support system can be used. In this study, the Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method was used in determining the selection of virus protection used on computer devices. Simple Additive Weighting method is one part of the Multiple Criteria Decision Analysis (MCDA) which can be applied to solve various decision-making problems in real life(Kaliszewski

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& Podkopaev, 2016). The selection method using Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) can choose the best from several alternatives using each criterion (Haswan, 2019). Sources of data obtained regarding the application were obtained from comparative assessments on anti-virus application websites and other sources. So that problems on the part of computer users can't feel safe to use the application.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Previous Research

Research of anti - virus ever done in the selection anti - virus using the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) is generated based on the criteria of the facility is preferably Norton, based on the criteria of preferred quality is a virus and based on the level of popularity of Kaspersky anti - virus like (Primandari, 2016). Research (Saputri, 2018) on the selection of antivirus software for laboratories using the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) method resulted in AVG anti - virus being the right choice because it received the highest priority. Subsequent research with the title Decision making model design for antivirus software selection using Factor Analysis and Analytical Hierarchy Process produced The priority weight score factors are: Performance, Internal, Capacity, Security, Time (Nurhayati, Gautama, & Naseer, 2018). The results of research (Devi & Kumar, 2016) on an analysis of the type of anti - virus produced by Kaspersky anti - virus are the best antivirus software because of their good performance in the form of features, support and a satisfying user experience. The research conducted by (Niroomand, Mosallaeipour, & Mahmoodirad, 2020) producing a new modified version of the Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method, the novelty includes overcoming the time interval value, keeping the possibility of choosing the best set of locations among all possible locations as well as for the managerial limitations of the problem.

Decision Support System

Decision support systems are computer-based interactive systems in helping decision makers by utilizing data and models to solve unstructured problems so that the system must be simple, easy to control, complete and adaptable (Limbong & dkk, 2020). Decision support systems are information generating systems that have to be resolved to assist managers in making decisions in solving certain problems (Nurmalini & Rahim, 2017). Some examples of the use of decision support systems come from research (Widarma, Siregar, Irawan, & Fadhillah, 2020) where the decision support system is used to determine the place of KKN (Real Work Lecture) using the fuzzy logic method, then the next example is research (Handika Siregar, Dedi Irawan, & Hazarin Aulia Chaniago, 2020), namely the application of the Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) method in the recruitment of security officers. Basically, a decision support system is designed to support all stages of decision making starting from identifying problems, defining the approach used in decision making, selecting relevant data, and the process of selecting alternatives (Senthil Kumar & Malathi, 2018).

Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) Method

The Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method or often known as the weighted addition method is part of the Multi Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) which calculates the sum of the weights of the performance of each alternative on all the criteria it has. The basic concept of the SAW method is to find the sum of the weighted performance ratings for each alternative on all attributes (Nurmalini & Rahim, 2017). This method is most widely used which requires the decision maker to determine a weight for each attribute. The rating in each attribute must pass the previous matrix normalization process (Sari, 2018) (Tanjung & Adawiyah, 2019). To perform normalization, the formula is used:

$$r_{ij} = \begin{cases} \frac{x_{ij}}{\text{Max}_i(x_{ij})} & \text{if } j \text{ is the profit attribute} \\ \frac{\text{Min}_i(x_{ij})}{x_{ij}} & \text{if } j \text{ is the cost attribute} \end{cases}$$

where:

r_{ij} = normalized performance rating

Max_{ij} = maximum value of each row and column



Min_{ij} = minimum value of each row and column

x_{ij} = rows and columns of the matrix

The preference value for each alternative uses the formula:

$$V_i = \sum_{j=1}^n w_j r_{ij}$$

where:

V_i = The final value of the alternatives

w_j = Weight has been determined

r_{ij} = Normalized matrix, a larger value V_i indicates that alternative A_i is preferred

METHOD

Step - step decision support system using methods Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) is:

1. Defining several criteria (attribute, weight, rating) that will be used as a reference in making decisions.
2. Determine the variable value of each criterion .
3. Determine alternative of destination decision to be taken.
4. Create a decision matrix.
5. Normalize the matrix based on the formula according to its attributes (cost or profit).
6. Do the sum of the normalized matrix multiplication with the weight of the criteria in order to obtain the best alternative solution based on the largest rank.

From the steps of the decision support system using the Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method above, in general, this research model can be described in the flowchart figure 1 below.

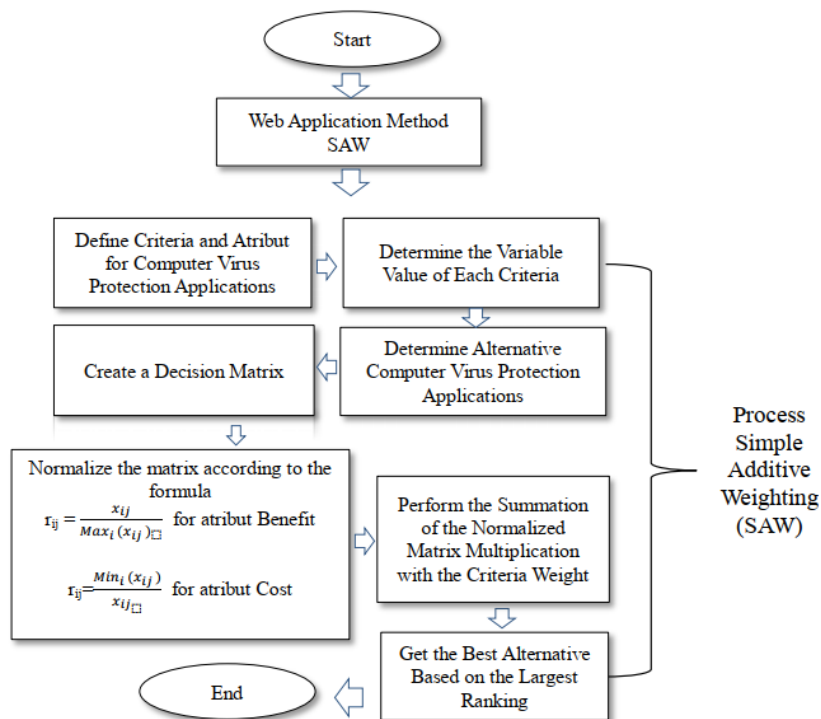


Fig. 1 Research Methods Flowchart

RESULT

Determine Assessment Criteria and Attributes

The assessment criteria were obtained from the assessment of the standardized size of computer virus applications.

The criteria and assessment attributes are:

1. Application Rating (Benefit).
2. Completeness of Features (Benefit)
3. Price / Official license (Cost)
4. Malware Detector (Benefit)
5. Malicious Url Blocking (Benefit)

Determine the Weight of Each Criterion

Researchers have determined the weight of the criteria vector and supporting reasons, in order to serve as a benchmark in the final process ranking. System decision makers will choose a computer virus application as a solution to most users' computers to secure your account and data are held. There are various reasons that are used to assess the weight of the predetermined criteria, namely:

a) Application Rating

It is an aspect of the assessment of the application that is generated from the app user evaluators. This source is obtained from the computer owner who uses the anti-virus application and the weight is 5%.

b) Completeness of Features

Is an aspect assessment of the application of some of the features that flow contained in the anti-virus application.

- Detects Malware (viral applications), advertising software, virusescomputers and others.
- The ability to detect local viruses.
- Application auto-update capability
- Having p potential protective firewall (activation of external computer access)
- Clean ability (delete unnecessary files)
- Fitur block url (website address is forbidden)
- USB protaction capability
- Password manager
- Parental control setting capabilities
- File backup and restore capabilities
- Webcam protection
- Use of a VPN

So the more complete the features produced by the application, the better the quality of the anti-virus application and the weight is 30%.

c) Price / Official License

Official license price there are free and paid. For ordinary users, of course, the more free the application is, the more it uses the application and its weight is 5%.

d) Malware Detector

It is the application's ability to detect malware viruses, the more they are detected, the application is classified as good and its weight is 45% (sea.pcmag.com).

e) Malicious URL Blocking

It is the application's ability to block or intercept the url that is harmful to your computer automatically whose weight is 15%.

For more details, the weight of each criteria is shown in Table 1 below.



Table 1
Criteria, Attributes and Weight of Assessment

No	Criteria Code	Criteria	Atribut	Weight
1	K1	Application Rate	Benefit	5%
2	K2	Completeness of features	Benefit	30%
3	K3	Price / official license	Cost	5%
4	K4	Malware detector	Benefit	45%
5	K5	Malicious URL Blocking	Benefit	15%

Determine the Variables and Variable Weight Value for Each Criteria is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2.
Variables and Variable Weight Value for Each Criteria

Criteria (K1)	Weight	Criteria (K2)	Weight	Criteria (K3)	Weight	Criteria (K4)	Weight	Criteria (K5)	Weight
1.0	1	<2	1	0 (free)	1	<70%	1	<70%	1
2.0	2	3	2	>0 (paid)	2	70%	2	70%	2
3.0	3	4	3			80%	3	80%	3
4.0	4	5	4			90%	4	90%	4
5.0	5	>5	5			100%	5	100%	5

For K2 = Completeness of Features, in table 3 will explain how each alternative compare to the criteria for completing the features that exist in the application. Where the details of some of the application features are as follows:

Table 3
Features Application ComputerVirus

No.	Computer Virus Application Features
1	Detects malware (virus applications), advertising software, computer viruses and more
2	Application auto-update capability
3	Has Firewall protection (activation from outside access to the computer)
4	Clean ability (delete unnecessary files)
5	URL block feature (site address prohibited)
6	USB protection capability
7	Password manager
8	Parental control setting capabilities
9	File backup and restore capabilities
10	Webcam protectio
11	VPN protection

Determining Alternatives

The alternatives used in this journal research are as many as 25 alternatives that have different application names and adequate facilities. An alternative is a computer virus protection application as in table 4 below :

Table 4
Alternative Virus Protection Applications

No.	Alternatif	Information
1	A1	Kaspersky Antivirus
2	A2	MacAfee Total Protection
3	A3	Vipre Anti-Virus
4	A4	Bitdefender Antivirus



No.	Alternatif	Information
5	A5	Avast Anti-Virus
6	A6	360 Total Security
7	A7	Adaware Antivirus 12
8	A8	Antivirus – Webroot
9	A9	Antivirus Comodo
10	A10	AVG ultimate
11	A11	Avira Anti-Virus
12	A12	BullGuard Antivirus
13	A13	Eset Smart Security
14	A14	F-Secure Antivirus Aman-Secure
15	A15	Glarisoft Malware
16	A16	Heimdal Antivirus
17	A17	Malwarebytes premium
18	A18	Microsoft Windows Defender
19	A19	Norton Security Deluxe
20	A20	Panda Antivirus
21	A21	Sophost Home Antivirus
22	A22	Total Av Antivirus
23	A23	Trend Micro keamanan maksimal
24	A24	Windows Security
25	A25	Zone Alarm Free antivirus

Alternative data sources for anti-virus applications are obtained from comparative assessments on anti-virus application websites and other sources . Alternative virus protection data are shown in the following table 5.

Table 5
Alternative Data for Anti-Virus Applications

No	Alternative	Information	K1 (Application Rate)	K2 (Completeness of features)	K3 (Price / official license)	K4 (Malware detector)	K5 (Malicious URL Blocking)
1	A1	Kaspersky Antivirus	4.5	10	Gratis	93%	91%
2	A2	Mcafee Total Protection	4.0	5	493272	96%	100%
3	A3	Vipre Antivirus	3.0	6	423680	93%	100%
4	A4	Bitdefender Antivirus	4.5	5	424402	78%	99%
5	A5	Avast Antivirus	4.0	4	Gratis	96%	90%
6	A6	360 Total Security	2.5	3	Gratis	60%	87%
7	A7	Adaware Antivirus 12	2.5	5	Gratis	83%	79%
8	A8	Antivirus-Webroot	4.5	5	417000	100%	80%
9	A9	Antivirus Comodo	2.5	4	199000	93%	56%
10	A10	AVG Ultimate	4.0	4	Gratis	89%	91%
11	A11	Avira antivirus	4.5	6	Gratis	89%	81%
12	A12	BullGuard Antivirus	2.0	7	337300	90%	93%
13	A13	Eset Smart Security	3.5	5	551341	93%	93%
14	A14	F-Secure Antivirus Aman-Secure	3.5	4	505810	93%	99%
15	A15	Glarisoft Malware	3.5	2	348049	60%	89%



16	A16	Heimdal Antivirus Malwarebytes	4.0	3	835283	98%	70%
17	A17	premium Microsoft Windows	4.0	4	730500	98%	94%
18	A18	Defender Norton Security	3.5	4	Gratis	98%	97%
19	A19	Deluxe	5.0	11	533000	96%	97%
20	A20	Panda Antivirus Sophost Home	2.5	5	494160	90%	35%
21	A21	Antivirus	2.0	2	Gratis	98%	100%
22	A22	Total Av Antivirus Trend Micro Keamanan	4.0	6	264556	89%	12%
23	A23	Maksimum	3.5	4	420700	80%	94%
24	A24	Windows Security Zone Alarm Free	3.5	3	Gratis	75%	80%
25	A25	Antivirus	3.0	4	280230	86%	86%

Implementation Method Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) Web-Based

At this stage the Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method to determine the computer virus application will be implemented using a web-based application. The results of this web-based implementation are as follows:

Determination of Topic Title

In such systems can dit uliskan headings what we discussed on the web system.

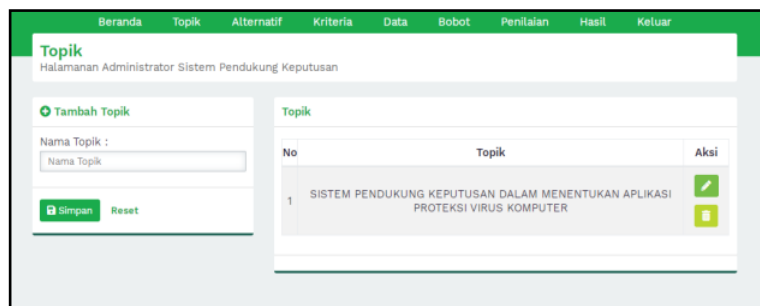


Fig. 2 Add Research topics

Add Assessment Criteria Data

The next process is to add assessment criteria and attributes.

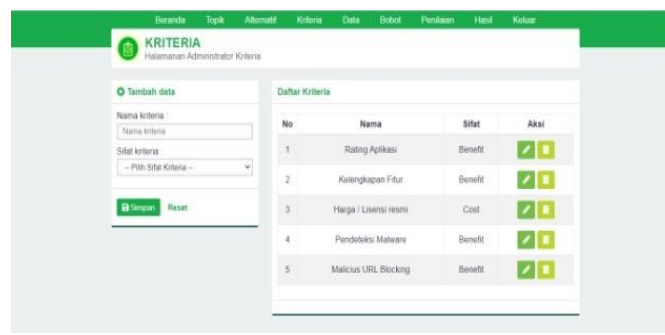


Fig. 3 Add data on assessment criteria and attributes

Adding Weight Data for Each Criterion

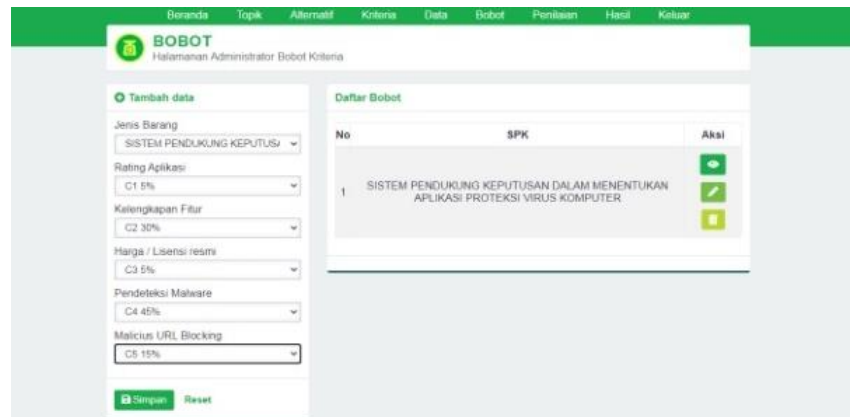


Fig. 4 Weight Data of Each Criterion

In Figure 4 is the weight assessment of each criterion where K1 = 5%, K2 = 30%, K3 = 5%, K4 = 45%, and K5 = 15%.

Variable Data and Variable Weights of Each Criterion

In this process, the variable data for each criterion will be added along with the variable weights.

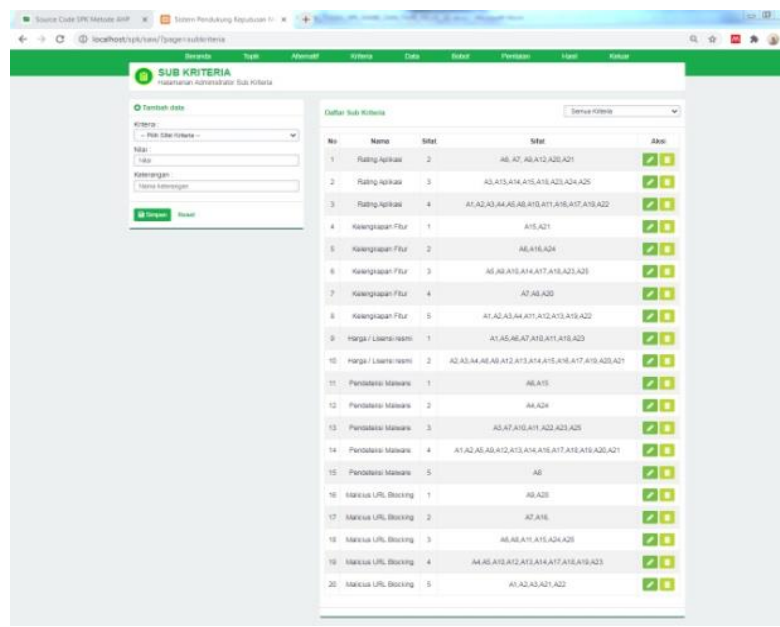


Fig. 5 Adding variables and their weights

Add Alternative Data for Anti-Virus Applications

After entering the topic, then adding data on alternative anti-virus applications

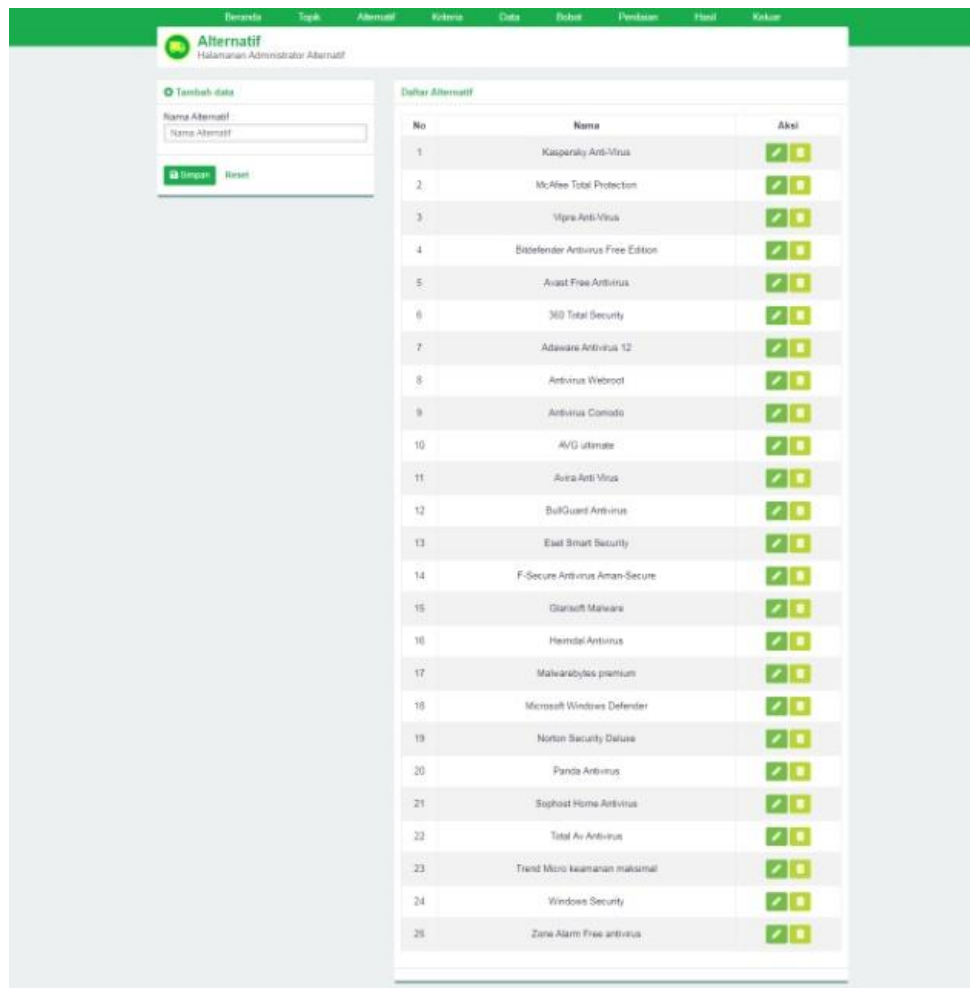


Fig. 6 Add Alternative Data

Web Application Calculation Results

At this stage of the calculation process happens and get started on ranking results from the process n ormalisasi matrix and calculation of the preference value for all alternatives to get results on ranking. The results of the calculation of the alternative ranking process are shown in Figure 7 below.

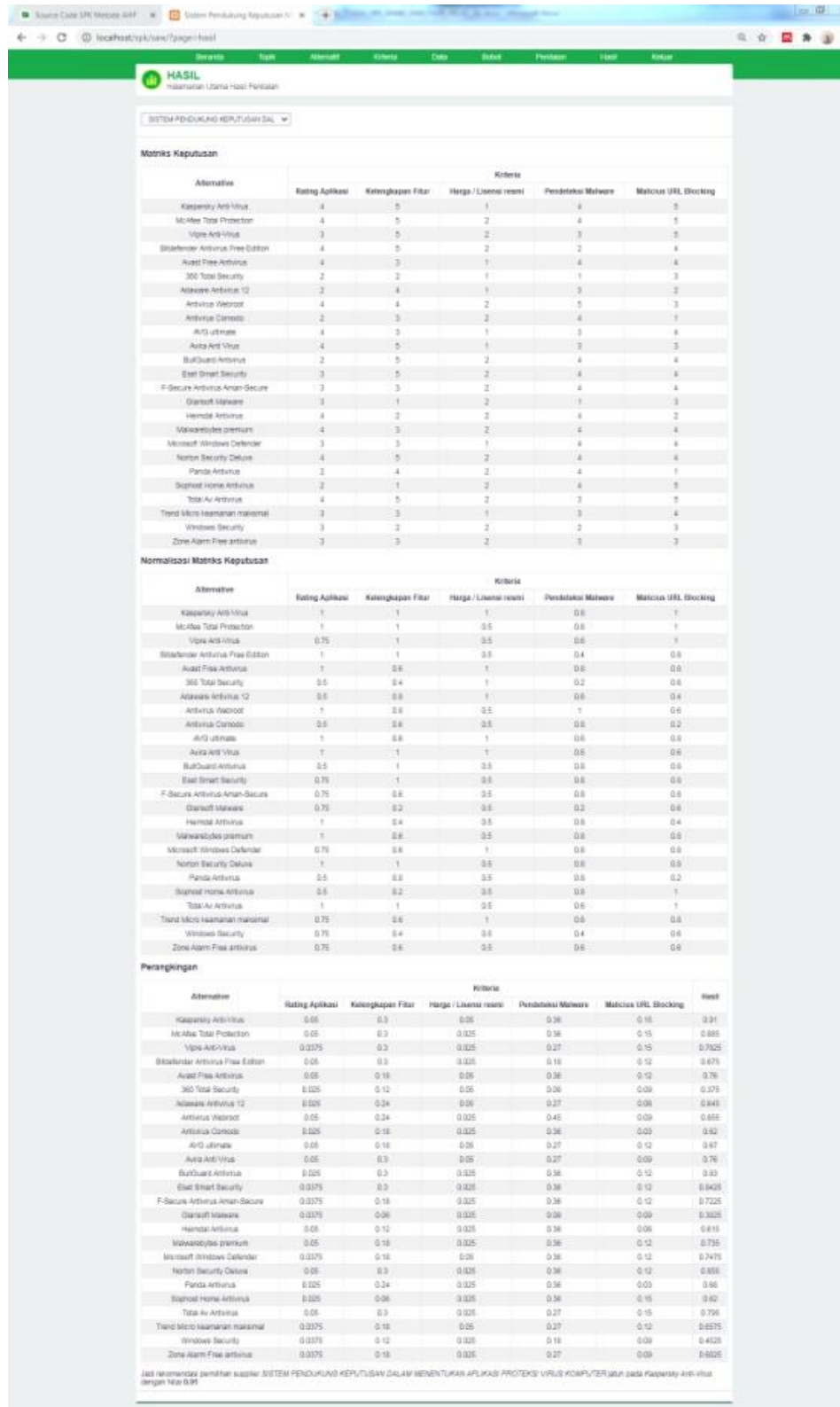


Fig. 7 Calculation Results of All Alternatives Ranking Process.

DISCUSSIONS

From this research, it is known that the use of the Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method in determining the computer virus protection application. Then the method is made into a web-based application with the data entered is the criteria, criterion weights, attributes, variable values and alternative computer virus protection applications. There are 5 criteria for the process of determining computer virus applications using the Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method, namely K1 = Application Rating, K2 = Completeness of Features, K3 = Price / Official License, K4 = Malware Detection, K5 = Malicious Url Blocking with the weight of each criterion namely K1 = 5%, K2 = 30%, K3 = 5%, K4 = 45%, K5 = 15%. And there are also 25 alternative protection applications that are inputted into the web application so that the results of computer virus protection application rankings are obtained.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion in this study is the ranking results of computer virus protection applications using the Simple Additive Weighting (SAW) method which is made through a web-based application and there are 25 alternative applications that were carried out in this study. After the ranking process was carried out, the results obtained were in accordance with the highest ranking of the virus protection application, Kaspersky anti-virus. The Kaspersky anti-virus application has variable values for each criterion, namely K1 = 4, K2 = 5, K3 = 1, K4 = 4, K5 = 5. This application is an inexpensive and free application and its complete features are not inferior to paid computer virus protection applications. It is hoped that this research can provide learning information to readers to find the best anti-virus application recommendations.

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