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# Valorant's Vanguard update reportedly cripples cheating PCs

## Description

Riot Games' anti-cheat system called Vanguard is causing problems for some players. When it first came out with the game Valorant, many players said it harmed their computers because of its close access to the operating system. This issue returned when Vanguard was added to League of Legends in 2024, affecting computers of popular streamers like Nick 'LS' De Cesare. Now, the latest update seems to break computers of players who cheat, requiring a full reinstall of the operating system to fix the problem.

To play Valorant or League of Legends, players must install Vanguard. This anti-cheat system works deeply in the computer's system to stop hackers from cheating. Recently, it has become even stricter. Vanguard now blocks many programs that cheats use to hide, called DMA firmware.

Riot Games acknowledged the complaints. They responded with a post, showing damaged computers and mentioning the high cost of these issues. Some players feel uncomfortable because Vanguard operates at such a deep level. While it aims to stop cheating, it could also accidentally break computers. Players must decide if they want to keep Vanguard to play Riot's games or not.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What is the name of Riot Games' anti-cheat system?

- Option: Valorant
- Option: Vanguard
- Option: League of Legends
- Option: DMA firmware

2. In what year was Vanguard added to League of Legends?

- Option: 2020
- Option: 2021
- Option: 2023
- Option: 2024

3. What do players need to install to play Valorant or League of Legends?

- Option: Vanguard



- Option: DMA firmware
- Option: Cheat detection software
- Option: Operating system

4. Who was affected by the Vanguard issues mentioned in the text?

- Option: All players
- Option: Only professional gamers
- Option: Casual gamers
- Option: Nick 'LS' De Cesare

5. What does Vanguard aim to prevent?

- Option: Game updates
- Option: Player engagement
- Option: Cheating
- Option: Hardware issues

6. What type of programs does Vanguard block?

- Option: Antivirus software
- Option: DMA firmware
- Option: Game launchers
- Option: Social media applications

### True-False

- 7. Vanguard was first introduced with League of Legends.
- 8. Some players are uncomfortable with Vanguard due to its deep access to the system.
- 9. Players can play Riot's games without installing Vanguard.
- 10. Riot Games acknowledged the complaints regarding Vanguard.
- 11. The latest update of Vanguard only affects players who cheat.
- 12. Vanguard requires players to upgrade their operating system.

### Gap-Fill

13. Vanguard is causing problems for some players because it requires \_\_\_\_\_ access to



the operating system.

14. To fix the problem caused by Vanguard, players may need a full \_\_\_\_\_ of the operating system.

15. Riot Games responded to player complaints by showing \_\_\_\_\_ computers.

16. Vanguard has become even \_\_\_\_\_ in blocking cheating programs.

17. Players must decide whether to keep Vanguard to play \_\_\_\_\_ games.

18. Vanguard blocks many programs called \_\_\_\_\_ firmware used by cheats.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Vanguard 2. 2024 4. Nick 'LS' De Cesare 5. Cheating 6. DMA firmware

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. close 14. reinstall 15. damaged 16. stricter 17. Riot's 18. DMA

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