Malware and Virus Protection

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Malware (viruses, ransomware, etc.) is malicious software that harms computers and smartphones. Malware infections can occur as a result of:

- Visiting untrustworthy websites (e.g., software piracy, free video streaming, etc.)
- · Opening harmful email attachments
- Failing to decline bundled applications during software installation
- Clicking links in Phishing emails

In addition to avoiding the above activities, install anti-malware software to help reduce the chance of infection.

All Seneca-provisioned desktops and laptops are imaged with a pre-configured anti-malware solution.

Below are lists of free and commercial antimalware applications that you can use on your personally owned computers. Use your best judgment in selecting a personal antimalware solution, and note that Seneca does not endorse any vendor nor provide support for any software listed below.

Trend Micro Internet Security for students and employees

Seneca students and employees are entitled to a free copy of Trend Micro Internet Security to install on one Windows computer at home. For information on obtaining and installing this software please visit the Home Use page on the ITS website.

Free antimalware software

The following software is free of charge, fully functional, and has no expiration date.

Product	Supported systems
Avira Free Antivirus	Windows, Mac, Android, iOS
AVG AntiVirus Free	Windows, Mac, Android
Bitdefender	Windows, Mac, Android
ClamAV	Windows, Mac, Linux
Comodo Internet Security Free	Windows, Mac
Malwarebytes Anti-Malware	Windows, Mac

Windows Defender Windows

Paid antimalware software

This is a list of commercial software available for purchase. Clicking an item below will take you to its product information page, and many include a time-limited free trial for evaluation.

Product	Supported Systems
Avast Premium Security (30-day free trial)	Windows, Mac, Android, iOS
AVG Internet Security (30-day free trial)	Windows, Mac, Android
BullGuard AntiVirus (15-day free trial)	Windows
Comodo Internet Security Pro (30-day free trial)	Windows, Mac, Linux
Kaspersky Total Security (30-day free trial)	Windows, Mac, Android, iOS
McAfee Total Protection (30-day free trial)	Windows, Mac, Android, iOS
Norton 360 Standard (30-day free trial)	Windows, Mac, Android, iOS
Panda Dome Premium (30-day free trial)	Windows, Mac, Android
Trend Micro Internet Security (30-day free trial)	Windows, Mac, Android, iOS, Chromebook

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