

Antivirus

What is Antivirus?

Software that keeps a computer from getting infected with malicious software. Antivirus can also help to detect and remove malicious software on an infected device.

Why do I need Antivirus?

Among other things, malicious software can be used to steal usernames and passwords, steal personal and sensitive information, send spam email and even encrypt data on a company or university network making it inaccessible (see information on [Ransomware](#)). Antivirus can help prevent, detect, and remove malicious software. Please contact ITS if your Fairfield University owned computer does not have antivirus installed.

Tips for using Antivirus

- Make sure all of your computers have antivirus installed. If you are using a Fairfield University owned computer and do not have antivirus installed, contact ITS.
- Keep your Antivirus software up to date.
- Scan your computer for viruses regularly.
- Backup your critical files regularly. Store at least two copies in different locations if possible.
- Keep your computer operating systems up to date
- Allow software patches to be installed when prompted
- Keep software on your computer up to date. Uninstall unused programs.
- Reboot your machine on a regular basis to ensure updates are fully processed

Video

A short training video about [Malware](#)