

Protect Your Computer Against Viruses and Malware

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Anti-malware software detects both viruses and other threats such as trojans and spyware. CIS provides recommendations for protecting your devices from malware.

The software you will use depends on your operating system (Windows or Macintosh) and whether you have a personally-owned or Brown-owned computer.

Solutions for your Brown-Owned Computer

If you have a Brown-owned computer, CIS recommends [System Center Endpoint Protection \(SCEP\) for Windows and Macintosh](#).

If you are in a department managed by the [IT Support Consultants](#), software will be automatically installed on your Brown-owned computer, so you don't need to install the software yourself. The same is probably true if you have a [Departmental Computing Coordinator](#), but you can ask your IT support professional to be sure.

SCEP is recommended for both Windows and Macintosh operating systems. Since the Windows 10 Operating System comes with Windows Defender installed, Windows 10 users do not need to install SCEP. Install SCEP on your Windows 7, Windows 8.1, and Macintosh 10.6+ computers.

Solutions for your Personally-Owned Computer

If you are a Brown faculty member, staff or student with a personally-owned computer, CIS recommends:

- [Microsoft Security Essentials](#) for Windows 7, and [Windows Defender](#) for subsequent versions, provide built-in protection against malware. These efficiently address the ongoing security needs of a genuine Windows-based PC requiring protection from malicious software, such as spyware, viruses, trojans and rootkits.
- [Sophos Anti-Virus for Mac Home Edition](#) for Macintosh is a free anti-virus client for personally-owned computers running Mac OS 10.6 through 10.12.

Solutions for your Mobile Device

Since mobile devices are also susceptible to viruses and malware, CIS also recommends that you install an equivalent product on it. Different options, many of which are free, are available depending on your device.

What other Anti-Malware Solutions does CIS recommend?

Malwarebytes Anti-Malware is an adware and malware removal tool for Windows and Macs

available to the entire Brown community. Visit Brown's [software catalog listing](#) for more details and downloads.

Uninstalling Anti-Malware Software

Having more than one anti-malware program installed simultaneously can cause issues. The following articles will help you uninstall your software in preparation for installing Brown's recommended software:

- [Uninstall Anti-Malware Software from Your Macintosh Computer](#)
- [Uninstall Anti-Malware Software from Your Windows Computer](#)