HOW DO I SCAN MY COMPUTER OF VIRUSES AND MALWARE?

Down in your systray (bottom right corner where your date/time is listed), you will see many icons. There is an icon that

looks like a shield 1 or 1. Right click on this icon and choose "Open." If you are using Windows 10, "Windows Defender Security Center" window and you will have different security options to open. If you are using Windows 7, you will see the "System Center Endpoint Protection" window.

- Windows 7:
 - Choose the "Full" option



- Windows 10:
 - Choose the "Virus & threat protection" option
 - Choose "Advanced scan"
 - Choose "Full scan" (You can also choose the "Windows Defender Offline scan" if you are not connected to a network—as long as it is up-to-date)
 - Choose the "Scan now" button

Windows Defender Security Center

Advanced scans

Run full, custom, or Windows Defender Offline scan.

Full scan

Checks all files and running programs on your hard disk. This scan could take longer than one hour.

O Custom scan

Choose which files and locations you want to check.

O Windows Defender Offline scan

Some malicious software can be particularly difficult to remove from your device. Windows Defender Offline can help find and remove them using up-to-date threat definitions. This will restart your device and will take about 15 minutes.

Scan now