

# How to choose antivirus applications for Windows and Mac

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For computer users, it is no stranger to the virus or malware (malware), adware . When the virus or malware attacks your computer will cause many dangerous problems. Therefore, software manufacturers and applications have constantly developed and improved their antivirus applications to provide new options for users.

However, choosing the best antivirus application to protect your device and computer has never been easy. Especially when the application developers are constantly releasing new applications, the selection is even more difficult, in addition, many users often wonder why there are some antivirus applications for free, some other fees. Is there any difference here?

To better understand, as well as choose the best antivirus software for your Windows or Mac computer, please refer to the following article of Network Administrator.



## 1. Free apps or paid apps?

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The answer is simple, when you lose money, the level of computer protection, your device will be better. Lost versions and applications always scan faster, more accurate results and lower system performance.

In terms of quality, free apps and paid apps are no different. However, if you want to use the application to lose money, you should choose the annual paid application for a price of about \$ 20 or less.

You can refer to the McAfee Total Protection 2016 application on Amazon for \$ 19.99. Every month you only need to pay less than \$ 2.

When used, this app will protect all your compatible devices. Although McAfee Total Protection 2016 version for iOS does not scan for viruses, the reason is because Apple does not allow application developers to access too much of the operating system.

In addition, there are additional security issues. Malware - malware comes in many things, from phishing scam software and antivirus applications to remove them .

For example, vendors of large Malware (malware) applications maintain the website's URL database by flagging them as signs of suspicion or an enemy.

Maintaining databases is not as simple as you think, it takes time and money, so in free app versions you are not warned about malware (phishing) .

In addition, it is difficult to develop a tool to scan for malware while not able to conclude exactly where the malware attacks.

However, for the paid versions, the smartness of the applications is always higher than the free versions. So you should consider choosing between the free version and the paid version, which protects your device more safely. All major security software vendors offer their trial version of the software, so you can try it out and decide if the software is needed for you?

## 2. Updates (update)



Updating your operating system and software is one of the best solutions to remove malware (malware).

Note: You need to keep the current antivirus application to ensure that you will update to the latest version of the application.

Security application manufacturers are turning to their application release mechanism alternately instead of releasing an application each year. You no longer have to wait to buy a new version every year, nor do you "wait a long time" for important new features. Just sign up, you will get the latest version.

### 3. Security issues (Security)

A feature that you don't see often is password protection of applications. Password can prevent others from accessing your settings. This is also the key to confirming whether you want to disable or uninstall software.

Many Malware (malicious software) try to disable your security, including passwords. Normally Norton and McAfee are integrated with this feature, but by default this feature is disabled, so you must activate it.

In addition, in some cases, when installing some other software, you must pause the scanning of malware (malware). Applications that need to access the operating system at a low level may be blocked by anti-malware software.

When installing a new antivirus application, a red flag will appear on your old antivirus application. Unrecognized files have an EXE file extension that can be completely deleted by the anti-malware (malware) application when you try to open the application.

Some anti-malware applications only have ON-OFF converters to pause the malware scanning process.

However, with more advanced versions such as Kaspersky, Norton and McAfee give you many options, such as automatically returning to the application after a while, in such a case as you forget.

### 4. Support (Support)



According to rules, antivirus software is "set and forget it" (set it and forget it): You install the application, and it works in the background. If you want to customize the scan option to your liking, you can access the application and reset it.

Most anti-malware applications (malware) often delete some documents on the Web.

The pros and cons of this way are:

Help leaner user interface (lean), you can understand that you can browse the explanation without having to install any software.

However, the drawback is that you cannot access the information if you are blocked offline.

Refer to some of the following articles:

1. Is antivirus software really slowing down your computer?
2. Your Windows 10-based computer has a virus, this is a fix
3. How to disable and completely remove Windows Defender?

Wish you have moments of fun!

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