

Virus Cheat Sheet

Anti-Virus/Cleaning Programs on Your Computer:



Microsoft Security Essentials

Run a scan every 2 weeks and when the logo turns red.



Malwarebytes

Run a Full Scan to catch adware and malware.
No need to choose the trial version or premium version.



CCleaner

Use to delete cookies, browsing history and other temporary files.

AVOID These Programs, **DO NOT INSTALL:**



Programs that say they will “optimize” your computer are **scams**.



Programs that **scare** you into backing up your files are not real.

Use Dropbox or Google Drive instead.



Anything that claims it will make your computer faster is a **scam**.



Search toolbars, programs by Conduit, and search add-ons are **viruses**.

Use Google or Bing instead.



Don't use unnecessary **add-ons**, **toolbars** and bundles. You **do not** need to install anything to check the weather, play games, or search.

Other Tips:

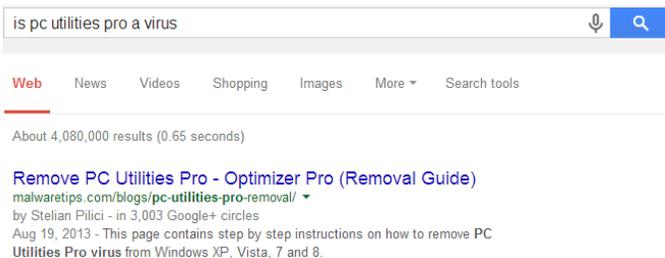


Don't just press Next!

Useful software like Java often profits off of companies that make toolbars, ad pop-ups, and software that can slow down your computer. Read every step when installing a new program and don't install any extra add-ons. You DON'T need them.

Illegal websites that offer free music or videos are often full of viruses.

Sites that break the law have no problem profiting off virus-creating companies. Watch videos at Hulu, Netflix, Youtube, Amazon, or individual TV channel websites. Listen to music on Spotify or Google Play. These are low-cost or free *legal* sites that will not give you a virus.



Google a program before downloading it to make sure it isn't a virus.

Make sure you click on the correct download link. Read the words around the Download button to make sure you are not clicking an advertisement. Pop-up ads telling you to download a program are tricks. Download only the program you want, no optimizers, and don't click the big flashy download button, but choose the simple-looking download link.

