

Tips to help protect your laptop from Viruses and Data Corruption

Virus protection

Installing more than one virus protection software will cause data corruption. To install McAfee, which is provided by Purdue University, follow the following directions:

1. Go to <https://www.purdue.edu/securepurdue/>
2. Go to the tab "Downloads"
3. Log in using your career account log in and password
4. Choose your operating system (XP Professional, XP Tablet, or Vista), install to 1 machine and accept the terms
5. Click on "Download Products"
6. Choose to download "Virus Scan Home Edition"
7. Double click on the downloaded file to install the file

Spamware/Malware protection

We suggest downloading one of the following programs to help protect your laptop from spam and malware. You will only need to download one of the programs. Each offer free downloads of the software.

Spybot: <http://www.safer-networking.org/>

Microsoft Windows Defender:

<http://www.microsoft.com/athome/security/spyware/software/default.mspx>

Ad-Aware: <http://www.lavasoftusa.com/>

Automatic updates

Please visit the following site to set your laptop for automatic Microsoft updates.

<http://www.microsoft.com/protect/computer/updates/mu.mspx>

Illegal Downloading

Using peer to peer software and illegally downloading allows viruses to easily corrupt your system. AME may choose to limit the number of times they will reimage your unit when you are using such software that could be causing viruses to your system.