A MALWARE INFESTATION? TRY AN OFFLINE SCANNER

If your machine becomes infected with malware of some sort, there's a good chance that you won't be able to actually download any corrective software or its updates, because the malware will prevent it. That means you won't be able to download the latest update of your anti-malware tools, or perhaps be able to run them at all. When that happens, you need an offline malware scanner.

An offline scanner is simply a complete anti-virus and anti-spyware scanning tool that you download to a USB flash drive, **using another computer** as your source. You then boot the infected machine from the media you created and run the scanner. The infected Windows doesn't run at all and the scanner can check, change, or repair more than the normal scanner could.

Windows Defender Offline is an excellent choice for this purpose. Unfortunately, it's not something you download and keep ready to use. In order to make sure you're running the most recent update of the tool and its database of malware, it's important to download it *when you need it*.

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