

## What is Malware?

The term Malware is a contraction of malicious software, any piece of software that was written with the intent of damaging devices, stealing data and simply causing chaos.

There are many different types of Malware, here are just a few:



### Types of Malware

- Viruses, computer bugs
- Trojans, Ransomware
- Spyware, Adware

*Malware is often created by teams of hackers: usually, they're just looking to make money, either by spreading the malware themselves or selling it on the Dark Web.*

## Preventing Malware

When it comes to malware, prevention is better than a cure. Fortunately, there are some common sense, easy behaviors that minimise your chances of running into any nasty software.

- *Don't trust anyone online; Social engineering can include strange emails, abrupt alerts, fake profiles, and curiosity-tickling offers.*
- *Double-check downloads; From legitimate websites to pirating sites, malware can be found anywhere.*
- *Get an ad-blocker; Block out all the pop ups and banners where hackers hide their malicious software.*
- *Careful browsing; Watch out for unprotected websites, you're likely to find trouble where security isn't prioritised.*

*Unfortunately, even if you follow all the rules, you might still get infected with malware; hackers have found ways to sneak viruses into every corner of the web.*



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