

## Antivirus - Online Scan

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As with Firewalls, there should be at most, one Antivirus program running on your PC. More than that will cause uncertain behaviour. But how do we know that our antivirus is a good one. Or if we scan a file and it passed our antivirus scan, are we sure it is OK? One solution is to scan the file or files using online scanners available from the web. Here are a few of them:

<http://housecall.trendmicro.com>

<http://www.kaspersky.com/virusscanner>

<http://www.bitfender.com/scan8/ie.html>

<http://www.pandasecurity.com/homeusers/solutions/activescan>

<http://us.mcafee.com/root/mfs>

<http://onecare.live.com/site/en-US/default.htm>

<http://pestpatrol.com>

<http://support.f-secure.com/enu/home/ols.shtml>

Even easier is to upload one file and have it scanned by multiple antivirus software. This can be done at: [www.virustotal.com](http://www.virustotal.com)

Alternatively, one can use a sandbox to test our suspicious applications first. Some of the sandbox are:

Norman Sandbox - [www.norman.com/microsites/nsic](http://www.norman.com/microsites/nsic)

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