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Do you really need PC antivirus software in 2019?

Do you really need to use PC antivirus software these days? It's a shame, but, yes, you do. Here's why:

The days of PCs being viewed as virus-ridden boxes of dismay are long gone. But that doesn't mean there aren't lots of terrible people out there creating malicious programs with the intent to steal something or just create havoc.

Some PC makers will preload antivirus software and try to coerce you into signing up for it because that's how they make money. But you shouldn't ever feel pressured, and you likely don't need whatever it is they're shilling.

But do you actually need antivirus software in 2019? Yes!

No longer do we have to be worried *only* about nasty viruses infecting our computers and wiping out our personal data. Malware is perhaps more common today, with a different tactic to achieve a still-nefarious goal.

The worst part is that the "best" malware — if you can really even call it that — will quietly sneak onto your PC without you knowing. It'll maybe lie dormant, hidden from view, but all the while, it will also do something you don't want it to.

Whatever the term for it, the threats out there are still very real.

You can *never* be too careful.

You might think that you're careful when you're online, visiting reputable sites and downloading from official sources like the Windows Store, or iTunes. But here's the thing: You're never being truly careful if you're going online completely unprotected.

Would you ride a motorcycle without a helmet? Even if you're careful, there's potential for disaster.

The people coding viruses and malware know exactly how to get it out to the wider world. That's why it still exists.

Something is always *better than nothing.*

Sadly, you do still need antivirus software in 2019. It's not necessarily to stop *viruses* anymore, but there are all kinds of miscreants out there who want nothing more than to steal and cause mayhem by getting inside your PC. It sounds scary, but because much of our lives are now conducted online, the threat is as real as ever.

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