

# Project Notes

## ASSIGNMENT

Website owner with a page providing information about topics relating to internet use required some short articles about provided topics. The articles needed to be under 200 words and written for people with low to average knowledge about technology. This article is about antivirus software.

## CREATIVE SOLUTION

I used simple language and framed the article in a logical format: introducing the problems and ending with solutions.

## Antivirus

Anti-virus software is used to detect the presence of malware on computers. Malware can include viruses, adware, spyware, keyloggers and a variety of other computer threats. The severity of consequences from downloading malware depend on the type of threat and the length of time that it has infected a computer. Regardless of its type, malware should be removed immediately upon detection in order to minimize the chance of incurring damage to files or even identity theft. Although most malware infects computers when a user downloads an item from an obviously untrustworthy source, sometimes malware can be bundled within seemingly safe items.

Luckily, there are many free or inexpensive anti-virus software options for consumers and many of these programs can not only detect the presence of malware, but actually prevent individuals from downloading computer threats. Most free anti-virus software is sophisticated enough to accurately warn users when a threat has been detected before they inadvertently download the malware. Even when you have taken the important step of downloading anti-virus software, it is vital to make a vigilant effort to update your anti-virus software often because cyber criminals are constantly working to outsmart existing anti-virus technology.