

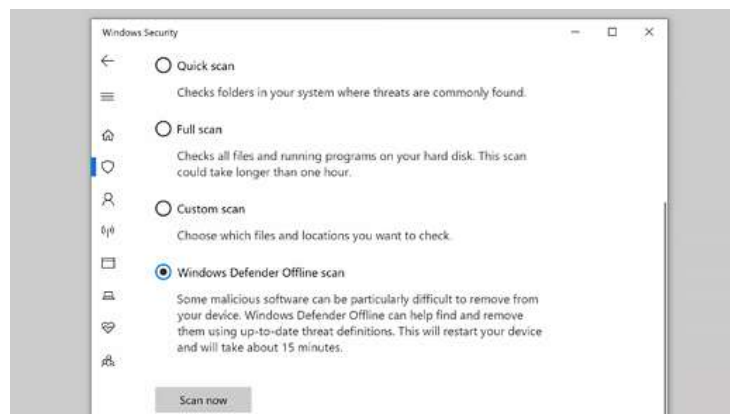
Windows Defender Offline

Windows Defender Offline is a powerful offline scanning tool that runs from a trusted environment, without starting your operating system.

When should you use Windows Defender Offline?

Run Windows Defender Offline if:

- Windows Security (named Windows Defender Security Center in previous versions of Windows) detects rootkits or other highly persistent malware on your PC and alerts you to use Windows Defender Offline. You might see a message stating that malware was found on your device, or receive a message in Windows Security notifying you that additional cleaning is required.
 - You suspect your PC might have malware that's hiding on it, but your security software doesn't detect anything. In this situation, you can start a Windows Defender Offline scan from Windows Security settings.
- Take these steps:
 1. Go to **Settings** (Windows + I)
 2. Click on **Update & Security**.
 3. Click on **Windows Security**
 4. Click on **Virus & threat protection** .
 5. On the Virus & threat protection screen, do one of the following:
 - In an up-to-date version of Windows 10 (version 1809): Under **Current threats**, select **Scan options**.
 - In previous versions of Windows 10 (version 1803 and earlier): Under **Threat history**, select **Run a new advanced scan**.
 6. Select **Windows Defender Offline scan**, and then select **Scan now**.



You'll be prompted that you're about to be signed out of Windows. After you are, your PC should restart. Windows Defender Offline will load and perform a quick scan of your PC in the recovery environment. When the scan has finished (after about 15 minutes), your PC will automatically restart to Windows.