

# BitDefender offers free editions of security solutions for Internet users

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## Anti-Phishing and Chat Encryption Available for Download

BitDefender's most popular security solutions are now available as free editions from the Internet. Users can download BitDefender Free Edition, an on-demand virus scanner, BitDefender Anti-Phishing Free Edition, and BitDefender Chat Encryption.

The virus scanner uses the same certified antivirus engines as other BitDefender products, providing users with an efficient way to scan their PCs and remove any viruses detected. Benefits include:

Virus scanning and removal – Powerful scan engines ensure detection and removal of all viruses in the wild

Scheduled scanning – The Scheduler allows users to plan and schedule full system/drive scans in off hours

Immediate scanning – Users can easily check files and folders with a right click

Quarantine – Users have the option to isolate infected files and can send them to BitDefender Labs for further analysis

Reports – When launching a scan, users can create a report file where they can see statistics about the scan process

Since BitDefender Free Edition is an on-demand virus scanner, it does not offer real-time protection against viruses or other malware. Typical applications for BitDefender Free Edition are for system recovery or forensics tasks. A standard antivirus solution such as BitDefender Antivirus 2009, BitDefender Internet Security 2009 or BitDefender Total Security 2009 would be necessary to protect an "always-on" Internet connection.

Bogdan Dumitru, BitDefender's CTO explains, "BitDefender Free Edition is perfect for users who want to quickly scan and disinfect a PC, even if they are already using an anti-malware solution. Many of today's anti-malware programs can't keep up with the speed and volume with which new malware is being released. This causes many computers to become infected – despite running anti-malware software – with the user not even realizing it. BitDefender Free Edition allows users to test and verify the effectiveness of their anti-malware solution using the industry's leading proactive anti-malware technology free-of-charge."

BitDefender Anti-Phishing Free Edition provides browser-based protection from phishing attempts by blocking the malicious web pages used to steal credit card data and other personal identification information. This tool is compatible with Microsoft Internet Explorer and with Mozilla Firefox.

BitDefender Chat Encryption allows users to communicate securely via Yahoo! Messenger or Windows Live Messenger by encrypting the instant messages exchanged with another PC on which BitDefender Chat Encryption or a BitDefender 2009 product is installed. BitDefender Chat Encryption keeps instant messages safe from hijacking through a simple and automatic encryption process.

To stay up-to-date on news from BitDefender and the latest e-threats, sign-up for BitDefender's RSS feeds

#### About BitDefender®

BitDefender is the creator of one of the industry's fastest and most effective lines of internationally certified security software. Since its inception in 2001, BitDefender has continued to raise the bar and set new standards in proactive threat prevention. Every day, BitDefender protects tens of millions of home and corporate users across the globe - giving them the peace of mind of knowing that their digital experiences will be secure. BitDefender solutions are distributed by a global network of value-added distribution and reseller partners in more than 100 countries worldwide. More information about BitDefender and its products are available at the company's security solutions press room. Additionally, BitDefender's [www.malwarecity.com](http://www.malwarecity.com) provides background and the latest updates on security threats helping users stay informed in the everyday battle against malware.

For more information see [www.bitdefender.co.uk](http://www.bitdefender.co.uk)

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