

ANTIVIRUS-ANTIMALWARE SOFTWARE

Commonly, users think they have computer protection software running when they really lack it, or it is outdated. While both [Windows](#) and [macOS](#) have good defenses active out of the box these days, a nice change from prior versions, threats [grow unabated](#).

For most firms, it's a good idea to supplement the operating system vendor's tools with a third-party application. Highly regarded vendors for antivirus-antimalware programs include:

- [Avast](#);
- [AVG](#);
- [Malwarebytes](#);
- [McAfee](#); and
- [Norton](#).

You may need to consult an expert. I use Malwarebytes, which I like. But, of course, there are many good options available from vendors. A good security suite provides antimalware, antivirus, web protection, vulnerability testing (to make sure you have the latest versions of programs that may represent vulnerabilities), a firewall, intrusion detection, antispam and ransomware protection.

SECURE FILE SHARING AND DATA ROOMS

Sharing data through known-safe spaces reduces the likelihood of a virus or malware infection. How? Because firm users have an easy and controlled way to request files from and send files to clients and other outside parties. Random, unexpected attachments are no longer a "sure, let's click on this" attraction because, instead, files come and go through one secure, expected way.

Caveat: When using a service below, ensure all shares have a password to access them.

ANSARADA VIRTUAL DATA ROOM

See <https://www.ansarada.com/features/data-rooms>.

BOX.COM

See <https://www.box.com/pricing>.

DROPBOX STANDARD OR ADVANCED

Standard is \$15/user/month, and Advanced is \$24/user/month. For an explanation of their business plans, see <https://www.dropbox.com/business/plans-comparison>.

FIRMEX VIRTUAL DATA ROOM

See <https://www.firmex.com/>

GOOGLE WORKSPACE

The [Business Starter](#) plan is \$6/user/month and includes 30 GB of cloud storage; the Business Standard plan is \$12/user/month and has 2TB of cloud storage.

INTRALINKS VIRTUAL DATA ROOM

See <https://www.intralinks.com/products/mergers-acquisitions/virtual-data-room>

MICROSOFT 365 OR ONEDRIVE FOR BUSINESS

OneDrive is Microsoft's cloud storage offering and comes with nearly every Microsoft 365 plan. For only \$6/user/month ([Business Basic plan](#)), you get 1 TB of online storage.

ONEHUB

See <https://onehub.com>.

SHAREFILE BY CITRIX

See <https://www.sharefile.com/>. ShareFile is a fantastic service that allows you to securely create virtual "rooms" for others and share documents with them. You decide what rights each user has to the collection of documents.

SMARTROOM VIRTUAL DATA ROOM

See <http://smartroom.com/>.

SYNCPPLICITY

See <https://www.syncplicity.com/>.