Windows Defender for Endpoint App Guide
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Summary

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1. Review virus and threat protection settings in the Windows Security app
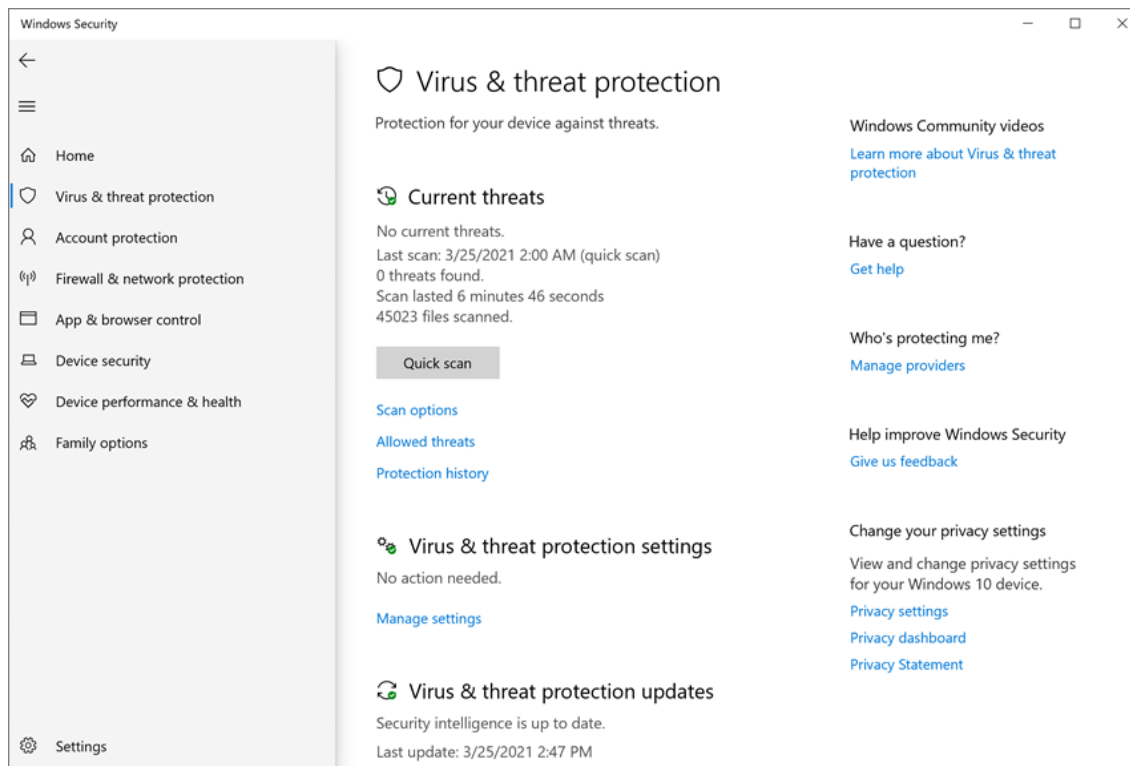
1. Open the Windows Security app by clicking the shield icon in the task bar or searching the start menu for Windows Security.
2. Select the Virus & threat protection tile (or the shield icon on the left menu bar).

The following sections describe how to perform some of the most common tasks when reviewing or interacting with the threat protection provided by Microsoft Defender Antivirus in the Windows Security app. Run a scan with the Windows Security app

2. Run a scan with the Windows Security app

1. Open the Windows Security app by searching the start menu for Security, and then selecting Windows Security.
2. Select the Virus & threat protection tile (or the shield icon on the left menu bar).
3. Select Quick scan. Or, to run a full scan, select Scan options, and then select an option, such as Full scan.

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3. Review the security intelligence update version and download the latest updates in the Windows Security app
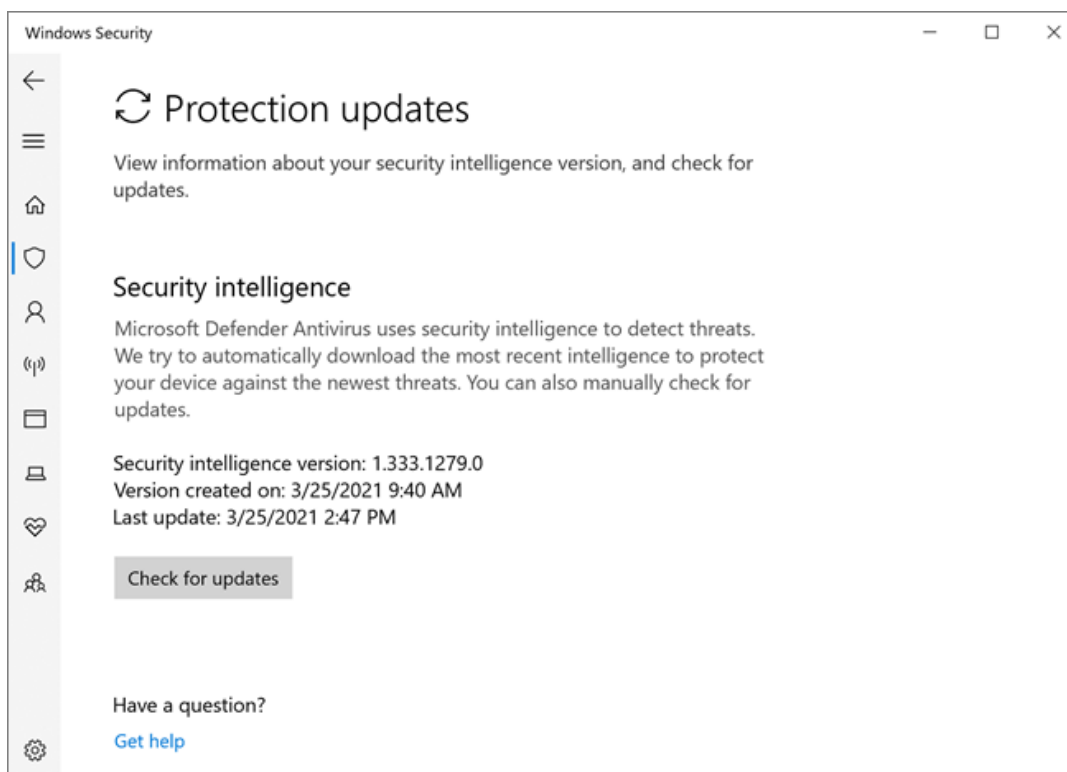
1. Open the Windows Security app by searching the start menu for Security, and then selecting Windows Security.
2. Select the Virus & threat protection tile (or the shield icon on the left menu bar).
3. Select Virus & threat protection updates. The currently installed version is displayed along with some information about when it was downloaded. You can check your current against the latest version available for manual download, or review the change log for that version.
4. Select Check for updates to download new protection updates (if there are any).
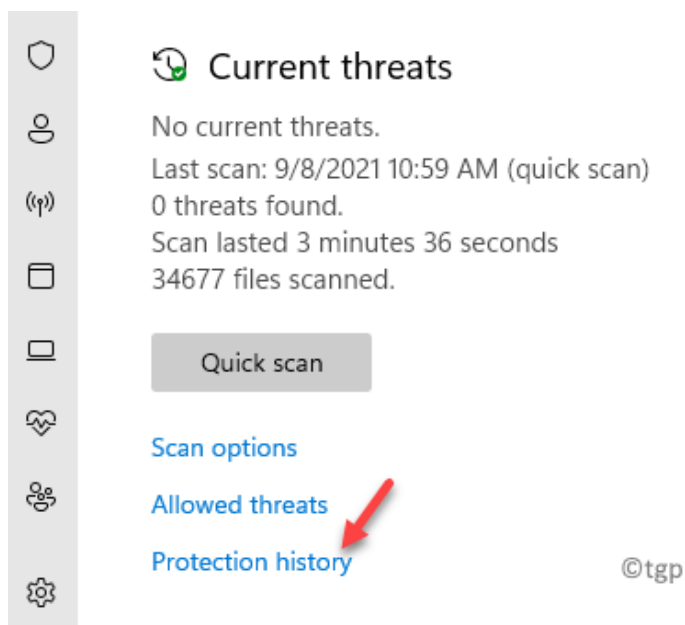
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4. Ensure Microsoft Defender Antivirus is enabled in the Windows Security app

- Open the Windows Security app by searching the start menu for Security, and then selecting Windows Security.
- Select the Virus & threat protection tile (or the shield icon on the left menu bar).
- Select Virus & threat protection settings.
- Toggle the Real-time protection switch to On.

5. Review threat detection history in the Windows Defender for Cloud app

1. Open the Windows Security app by searching the start menu for Security, and then selecting Windows Security.
2. Select the Virus & threat protection tile (or the shield icon on the left menu bar).
3. Select Protection history. Any recent items are listed.

Protection history

View the latest protection actions and recommendations from Windows Security.

All recent items   Filters ⌄

4. You can then choose to view detailed info about items listed and eventually apply specific actions (e.g. Allow on device, Remove, Quarantine, etc.)

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6. Add exclusions for Microsoft Defender Antivirus in the Windows Security app

- Open the Windows Security app by searching the start menu for Security, and then selecting Windows Security.
- Select the Virus & threat protection tile (or the shield icon on the left menu bar).
- Under Virus & threat protection settings, select Manage settings.
- Under Exclusions, select Add or remove exclusions.
- Select the plus icon (+) to choose the type and set the options for each exclusion.

The following table summarizes exclusion types and what happens:

Exclusion type	Defined by	What happens
File	Location Example: c:\sample\sample.test	The specific file is skipped by Microsoft Defender Antivirus.
Folder	Location Example: c:\test\sample	All items in the specified folder are skipped by Microsoft Defender Antivirus.
File type	File extension Example: .test	All files with the .test extension anywhere on your device are skipped by Microsoft Defender Antivirus.
Process	Executable file path Example: c:\test\process.exe	The specific process and any files that are opened by that process are skipped by Microsoft Defender Antivirus.