

How to deal with (possible) Win11 security issues

Windows security is notorious for False Positives during virus checks. Sometimes, it will object to IotaGFTapp.exe or FitsReader.exe or both, claiming that they contain a malicious virus. They don't. I have found that I can change a comment in a program that Windows declared as super-dangerous and swept it to quarantine, but with the new comment, Windows is now content to run the program.

To deal with this possibility, you will need to tell the Windows virus checker to exclude the offending file from its checking procedure. To make this something that you will only have to do once, I no longer include the version in the file name. Once you have told Windows to exclude a file, it will be 'sticky'. Only if you move a file will you need to repeat the exclusion for the file in its new location.

The click-snake procedure is this:

[Windows Security | Virus & threat protection | Manage settings | Add or remove exclusions](#)

The last link ([Add or remove exclusions](#)) is at the very bottom (usually off-screen) of the Virus & threat protection settings panel that opens when you click the [Manage settings](#) link. Don't miss it by failing to scroll down (as I have, numerous frustrating times).

When you click [Add or remove exclusions](#), Windows will ask if you want to permit changes to system settings – answer yes and then click [+ Add an exclusion](#), then [File](#) in the dropdown list. Navigate to the file to be excluded and click [Open](#).

That's easy-peasy in the Win11 universe. Feel free to disagree.