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## **Answer**

In general, users should install only one virus protection software per machine. The one exception is Crowdstrike, which can be installed alongside a traditional virus protection package, to augment threat detection with an additional behavioral-based detection approach.

Loading multiple traditional virus protection software applications can cause a machine to run slowly and possibly render both applications ineffective.

IS&T provides virus protection software at <http://ist.mit.edu/software-hardware?type=16>

## **For Windows machines**

Please remove other products that may have been factory installed using the **Windows Add/ Remove Software** control panel.



**Note:** Most factory installed virus protection software subscriptions will expire unless renewed.