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### Overview

Malware (malicious software) and viruses can hold your data hostage (ransomware), silently steal your information, or use your compromised computer as a foothold to attack others. Installing protective software, such as [Sophos](#) anti-virus and [Crowdstrike Falcon](#) endpoint protection can help detect and prevent malware before it spreads. These two software packages work in tandem to detect threats by using different approaches (signature and behavioral) and augment each other.

- For more information on how to classify and secure your data, see [Information Protection @ MIT](#).

### How to

#### Set up Crowdstrike

- [Obtain Crowdstrike Falcon](#)
- [CrowdStrike Falcon - Installation Instructions](#)

#### Set up Sophos Anti-virus Protection

- [Obtain Sophos](#)
- [Sophos Links](#)

### FAQ's

- [Can I run two virus protection software applications on my machine? Won't this be safer?](#)

### Have Questions or Still Need Help?

- [Contact the IS&T Service Desk](#)