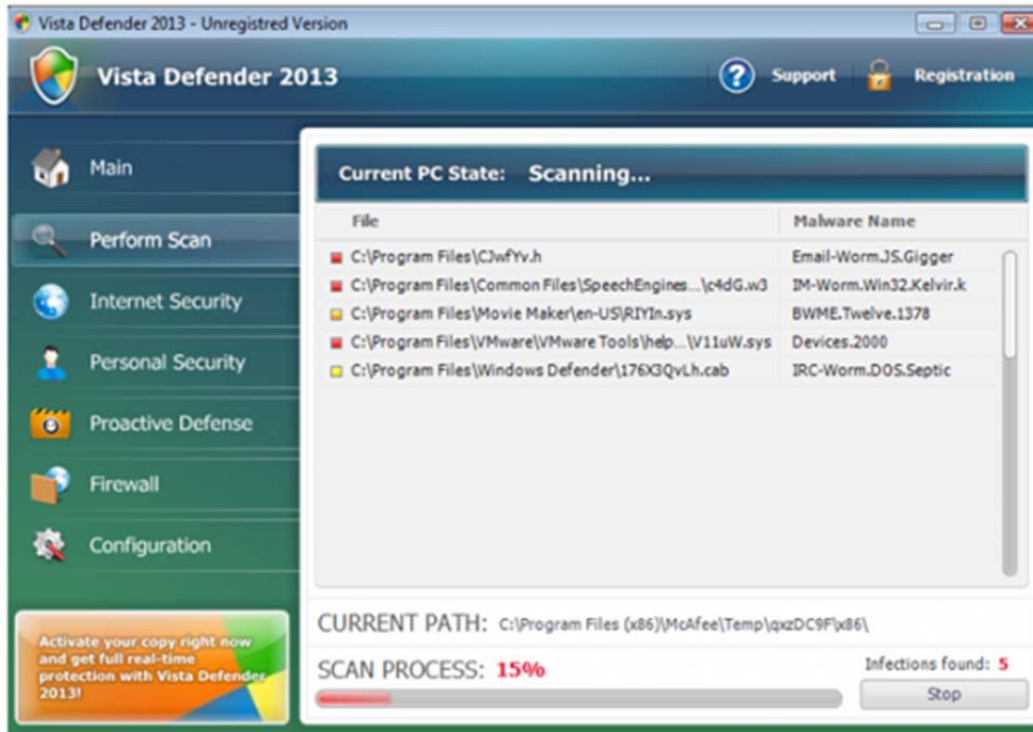


Fake Anti-virus

False alerts about your computer/laptop being infected with viruses have been around a long time and continue to be popular. They pop-up when you least expect it and often scare you into thinking something is wrong. The images like the one below are made to look very realistic and are often hard to get rid of no matter what you try. With names like Anti-virus 2014 or System Guard/Defender that sound pretty official, aim to scare people into buying the “fix” by displaying a fake scan that lists several if not hundreds of fake viruses and malware installed on your computer.



The goal in these scams is to get users to buy the “fix” or “solution” to the problem. By doing so, you are potentially compromising your credit card information and all the information to on your computer. There are hundreds if not thousands of fake anti-viruses that can compromise your identity or the data on your machine. Always be alert to what “additional” software can sometimes be installed on your computer when you download a program from the internet.

If you are not sure you have a legitimate anti-virus, please contact us directly at 1-800-373-7521 or helpdesk@ssndcp.org.