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Should I run two antivirus programs at the same time? Just to make sure?

The answer, quite simply put is **NO!**

It makes some sense to think that if we run more than one antivirus program we will be better protected from outside threats. Then if one doesn't pick up on something - the other will. Afraid not. Using more than one (or multiple versions of the same one) will cause you all sorts of problems, mainly -

1 - You will use up too much resources on the computer - it will slow down, affect the performance and even crash.

2 - You will receive false virus reports - antivirus programs use a kind of virus to detect others on your computer. If you run more than one they will detect each other as a virus! and conflict in many ways.

So, if you are running more than one, I recommend you uninstall the extra one right away. **Which one should I keep?** Eh...the one you paid most for? or maybe the one you feel more comfortable with, or it might even be worth considering the renewal cost next year and keep the cheaper one? The choice is yours, I would probably keep the one I like most (NOD32) as long as you keep one.

To remove the extra one, in XP, go **Start, Control Panel, Add/Remove Programs** or under **Programs and Features** in Vista/Win 7. From there just find the name of the one you want rid of and hit the **Remove** or **Uninstall** button. That will take out the program and all of its components as well.

Now make sure you keep your virus definitions up to date, run scans on a weekly basis and you will be fine. Believe me, your computer will thank you. No more conflicts, slow downs and no more trouble.

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