



**Microsoft Security  
Issue with Xenos**

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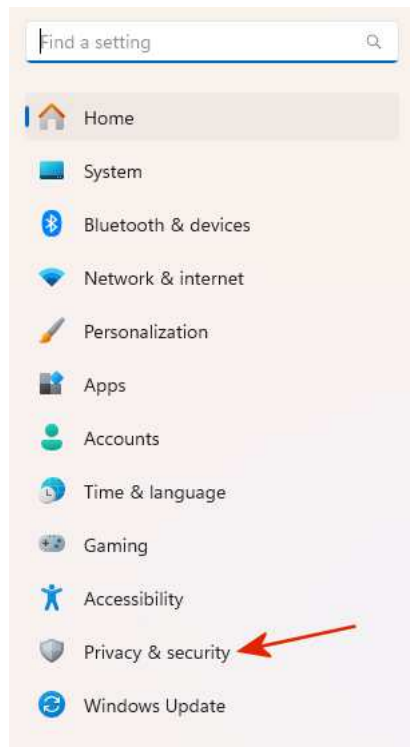


Figure 1: Click the **Start** button and choose **Settings**. Then pick **Privacy & security**.

I would never run a PC without Microsoft Security Essentials active. Nonetheless, there are rare instances where MSE attacks innocent files. Out of hundreds of our programs and documents that pass inspection, MSE has decided that the **Xenos** program launcher (`xenos.exe`) carries a virus and sets about eliminating the executable and nearby files. There is a simple solution, but navigating to it through arbitrary menu levels is a test of memory. I have written this tutorial for myself, for **Xenos** users or for anyone who has a similar issue. The following steps apply to Windows 11.

Click the Windows **Start** button and choose **Settings** to display the options of Fig. 1. Then pick the option **Privacy & security** to open the window of Fig. 2. Expand the options for **Windows Security** to open the display of Fig. 3. Then choose **Virus & threat protection**.



Figure 2: Expand the options for Windows Security.



Figure 3: Choose Virus & threat protection.

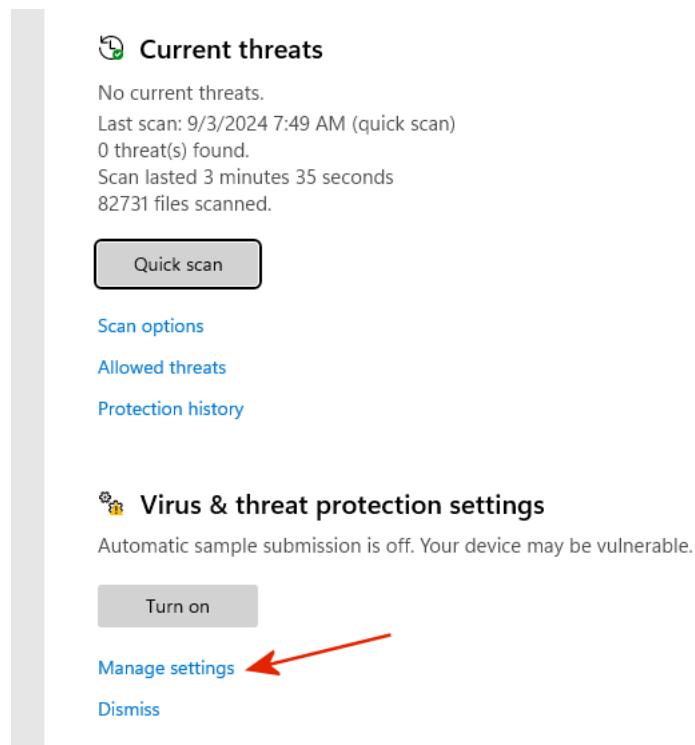


Figure 4: Click on Manage settings.

Under **Virus & threat protection settings**, choose the nondescript option **Manage settings**. Scroll down to **Exclusions** and click on **Add or remove exclusions**. In the final **Exclusions** window, click on **Add an exclusion**. Here, you can enter the file or folder name that will be excluded from the virus scan. **Xenos** users should enter the following information:

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c:\fieldp\xenos\xenos.exe
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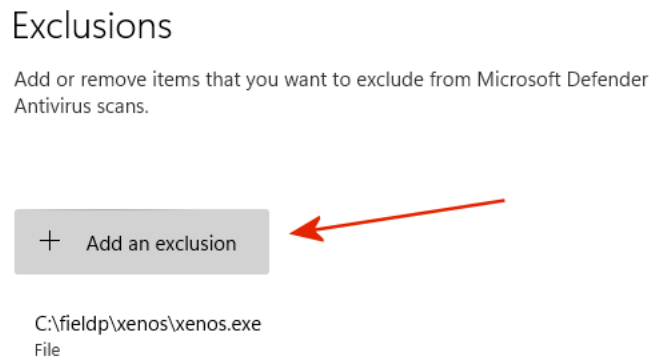
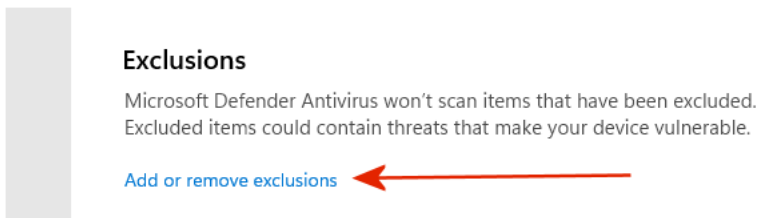


Figure 5: Final steps. Pick **Add or remove exclusions**, then **Add an exclusion**. **Xenos** users, enter the information shown