

Windows 10 - How to disable Win Defender

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Windows Defender is annoying, demanding on hard disk and you should be able to turn it off!

(Uninstalling it, would be better but lets not make this discussion right now...)

Use Regedit to change the registry key and DWORD value below.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\Windows Defender

DisableAntiSpywareDWORD

0 = On - This means it runs...

1 = Off - This means it will not run...

For those who are familiar and have access to `gpedit.msc` use `gpedit` instead. (`gpedit` is the local policy editor, but only available on enterprise and pro editions)

Download REG key to turn it OFF from [here](#).

Btw when an antivirus is installed the above flag is not considered, if an anti-virus is present and active defender will not run (real-time).

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