

Separ

Easy management of the Windows 11 antivirus

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The complete user guide

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1 What is Separ?

Windows 11 has a strong, free antivirus built in, switched on from day one. But its settings are scattered across several pages, some of its important options do not appear on Windows' usual pages at all, and its messages are not always simple.

Separ brings this same built-in Windows antivirus together in one tidy, beautiful and simple program. With Separ you see the state of your PC at a glance, you fix settings with one click, and when a threat is found you understand in plain words what happened and what is best to do.

Separ itself is not an antivirus

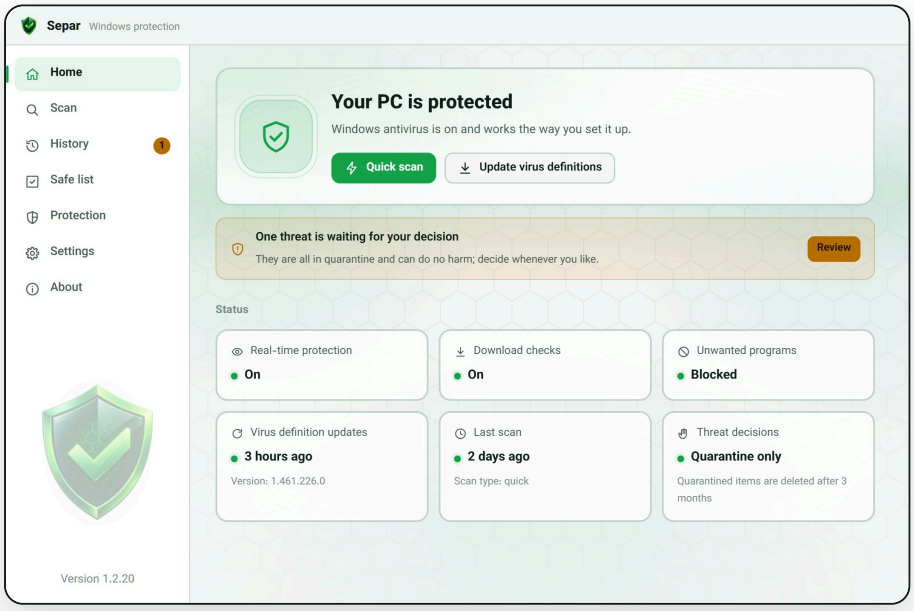
Separ has no scan engine of its own and replaces nothing. All the protection work is done by Windows antivirus itself; Separ only makes it easier to use. So there is no need to turn Windows antivirus off or to install another antivirus.

Free
No cost and no limits

No intrusive ads
And no extra programs

Complete privacy
Nothing from your PC is sent anywhere

With your permission
Nothing is deleted without your permission



Separ's Home page, in light colours

2 Features at a glance

Status at a glance

Whether protection is on, whether the virus definitions are up to date, the last scan, and anything that needs attention.

Simple scanning

A quick scan, a full scan, or a scan of any folder or file you choose; and you can stop it whenever you want.

Clear, simple alerts

What was found, how dangerous it is, what Windows did with it, and what is best to do.

Quarantine only

Threats are locked and kept apart; the decision to delete or restore them is yours.

Full control of protection

All the important options of Windows antivirus, each with one simple switch and a short explanation.

Turn off for a while

For five minutes, one hour or four hours; then it turns everything back on by itself, just as it was.

Safe list

Folders and files you fully trust are left out of the checks.

Confirmation in a Windows box

Before anything that lowers protection, Separ asks you to confirm.

Always next to the clock

It opens quietly with Windows; the most important actions are in the menu next to the clock.

Persian and English

With dark and light colours that can follow the colours of Windows.

3 Installing and first run

What do you need? Windows 11, 64-bit · Administrator rights, only the first time

Nothing else; Separ is about 5 MB

Separ needs no installation; it is just one file that runs directly. A few simple steps:

1. Download Separ from the **AfzarGah** website. If the downloaded file is compressed, extract it.
2. The best place for the Separ file is a new folder named Separ inside the Program Files folder; only programs with administrator rights can change this folder:

   ```
   C:\Program Files\Separ
   ```

   If you put the file somewhere else, that is fine too; to open with Windows, Separ keeps a copy of itself in this same folder.
3. Double-click the Separ file.
4. Windows asks whether you want to allow this app to make changes to your device. Choose “Yes”. Separ needs administrator rights to change the antivirus settings. You are asked only this once; from then on Separ opens with Windows every time, without asking.
5. The Separ window opens and the Separ icon appears next to the Windows clock.

The “Windows protected your PC” message

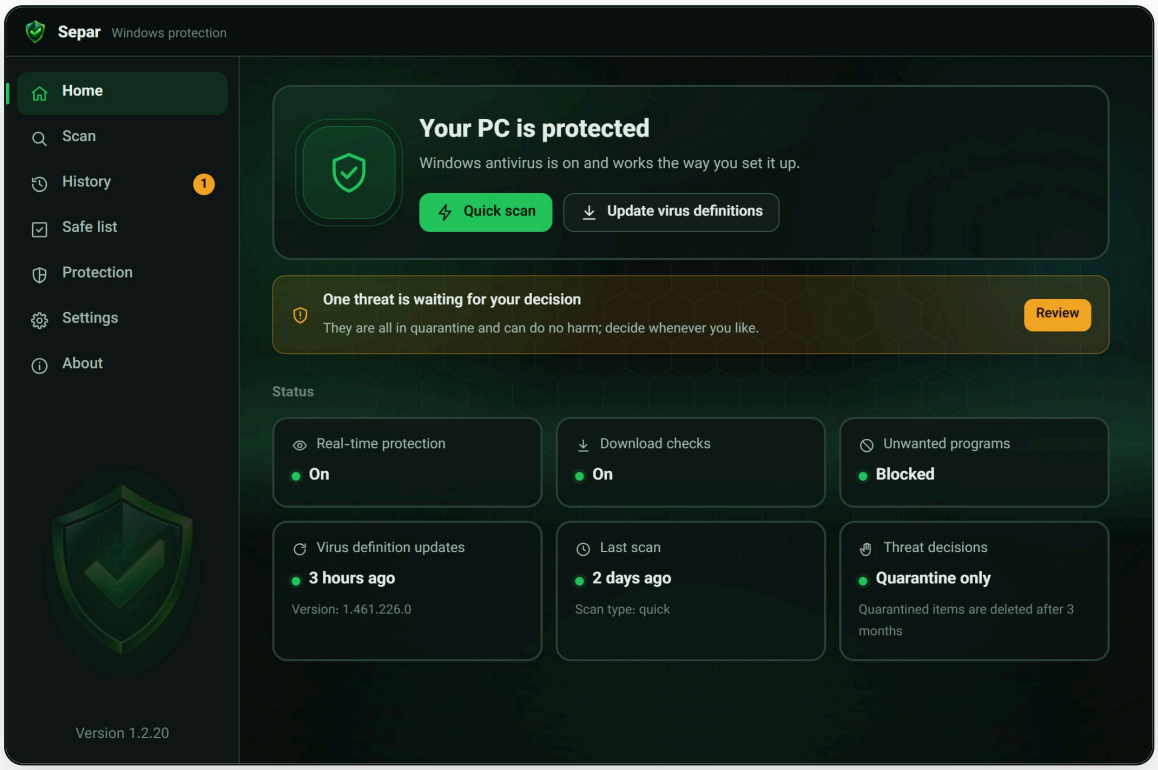
Because Separ is a new program, Windows may show a message titled “Windows protected your PC” the first time. If so, click “More info” and then “Run anyway”. Only do this for a file you downloaded from the official **AfzarGah** website.

The Separ icon next to the clock

If you do not see the Separ icon next to the clock, click the small arrow beside the clock; the icon is there. To keep it visible next to the clock all the time, right-click an empty part of the taskbar and choose “Taskbar settings”. Then open “Other system tray icons” and turn on the Separ switch.

4 The Home page

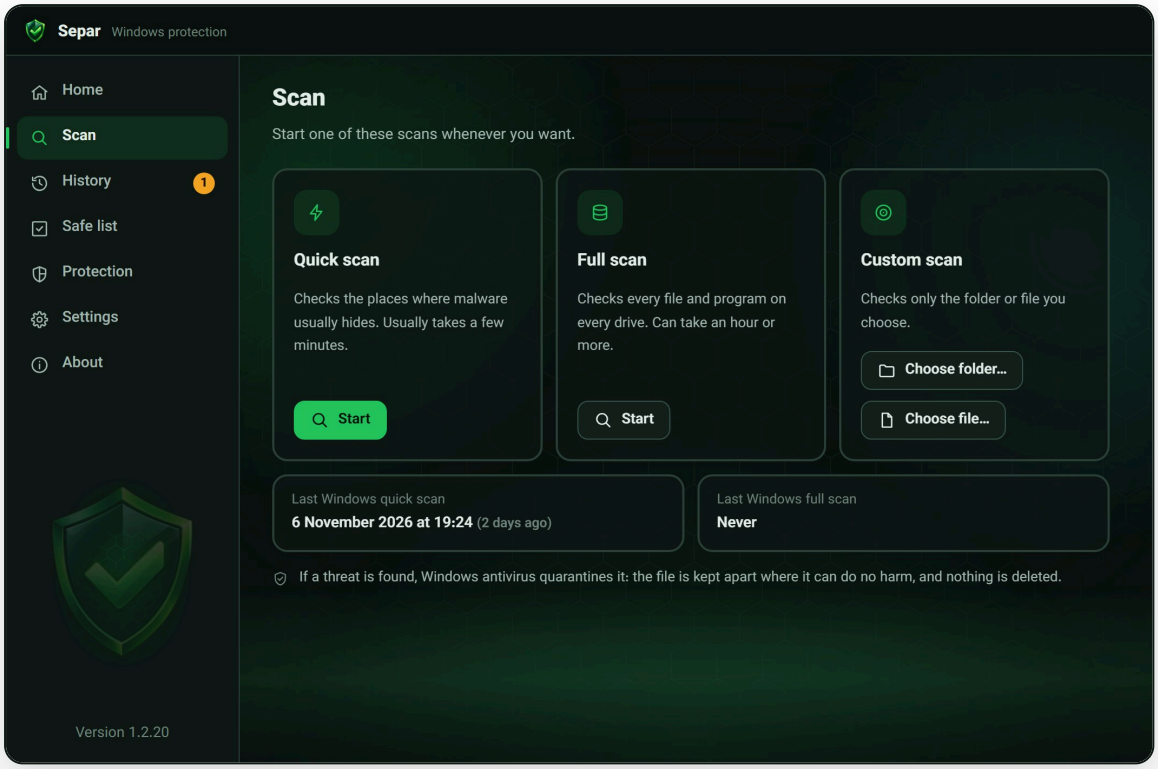
The Home page shows the complete status of your PC.



Separ's Home page

- **Top of the page:** if everything is fine, you see “Your PC is protected”. If a setting is below the recommended level, the number of items is shown, and you fix them with the “Fix all” button or the button next to each item.
- **“Quick scan” and “Update virus definitions”:** two frequently used actions, always at hand.
- **A threat waiting for your decision:** if a threat was found that you have not decided about yet, a yellow box with a “Review” button is shown. These threats are in quarantine and can do no harm.
- **Status cards:** real-time protection, download checks, unwanted programs, virus definition updates, the last scan and threat decisions. A green dot means everything is fine.

5 Scan



The Scan page

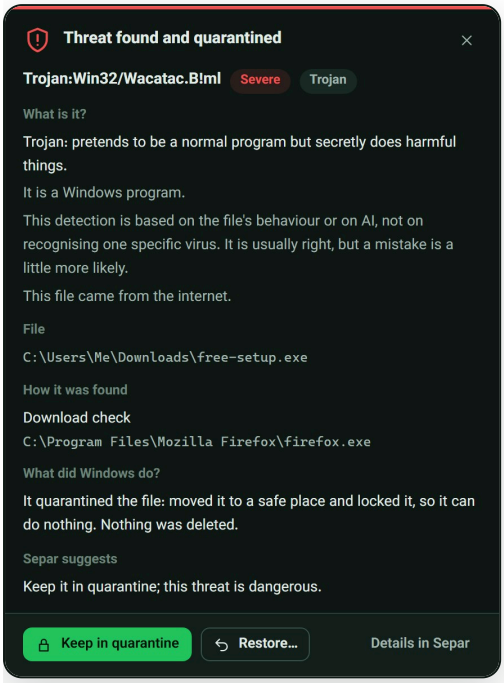
Quick scan
Checks the places where viruses most often hide. It usually takes a few minutes and is enough for everyday use.

Full scan
Checks every file and program on every drive. It can take an hour or more.

Custom scan
With “Choose folder...” or “Choose file...” you check only what you want; for example a USB stick or a file you have just downloaded.

During a scan, the time elapsed is shown, and you can stop the scan whenever you want. If a threat is found, Windows antivirus quarantines it and Separ's alert is shown.

6 When a threat is found



Separ's alert window

Whenever Windows antivirus finds a threat, whether in a scan or during normal use, a window opens in the corner of the screen and explains in plain words:

- **What is it?** The type of threat and how dangerous it is, with a short explanation.
- **File:** the location of the file that was found.
- **How it was found:** the detection method, and the program that opened or brought the file.
- **What did Windows do?** Usually: it quarantined the file and nothing was deleted.
- **Separ suggests:** the best thing to do in that situation.

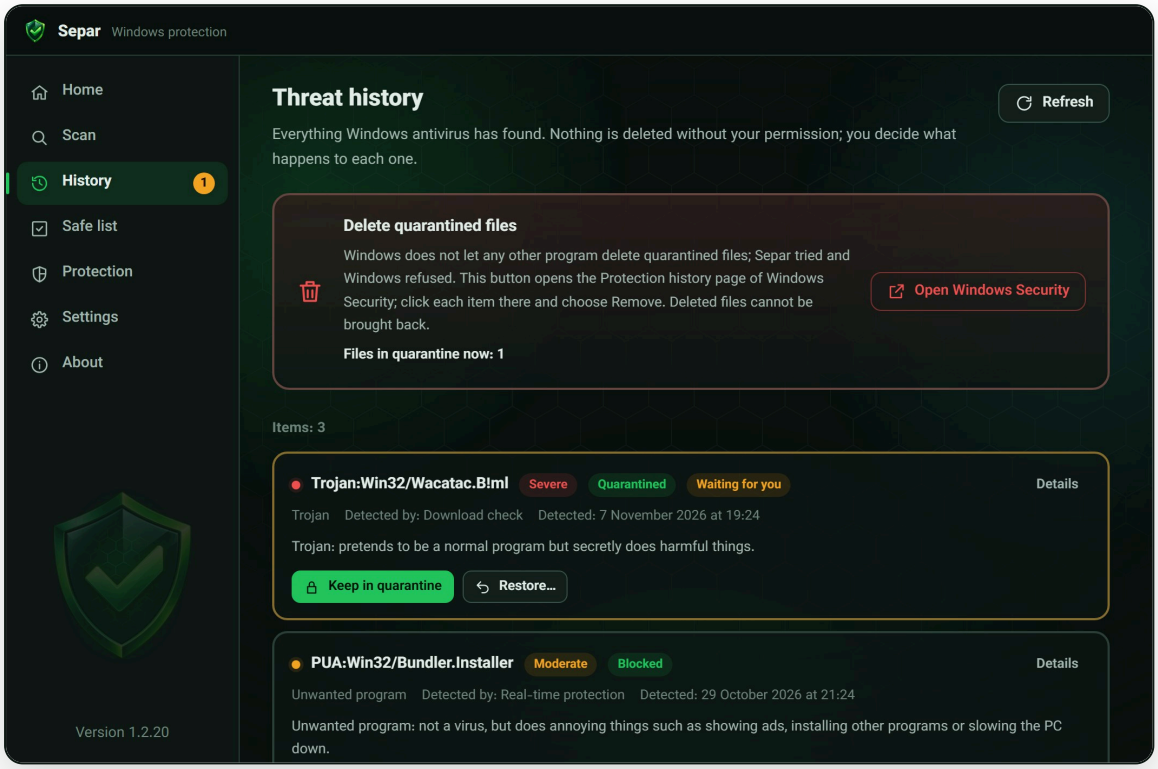
There are three buttons at the bottom of the window:

- **“Keep in quarantine”:** the usual suggestion. The file stays locked and apart and can do nothing.
- **“Restore...”:** the file goes back to where it was and Windows no longer stops it. Click this only when you are completely sure the file is clean.
- **“Details in Separ”:** opens the History page with all the details.

If several threats are found together, they are all shown one by one in this same window.

7 History and quarantine

The “History” page shows everything Windows antivirus has found, with the time and method of detection, how dangerous it is and a simple explanation. None of it is deleted without your permission.



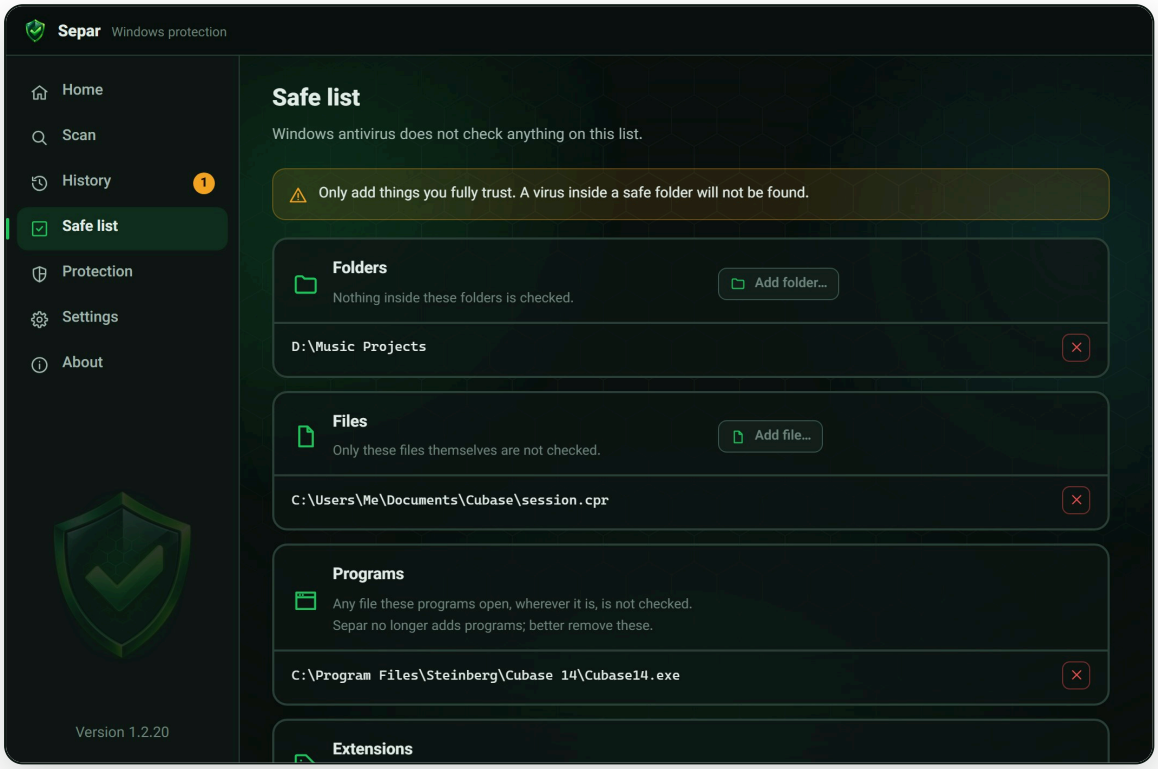
The History page

- For each threat that is waiting for your decision, choose “Keep in quarantine” or “Restore...”.
- “Details” shows the name of the program, the user and the related files, and “Show in folder” opens the file's location.
- Threats you have restored appear in the “Safe list” under “Allowed threats”, and whenever you want, “Revoke” puts them back under the watch of Windows.

> **Deleting quarantined items**
>
> A quarantined file is kept locked and apart and can do no harm. Windows does not let any other program delete quarantined files. If you want to delete them sooner, the “Open Windows Security” button opens the “Protection history” page of Windows; click each item there and remove it. Or do nothing, and Windows will delete them by itself after the time you set on the “Protection” page.

8 Safe list

Windows antivirus does not check anything on the “Safe list”. This list is for folders and files you fully trust; for example a folder of large projects whose constant checking slows the PC down.



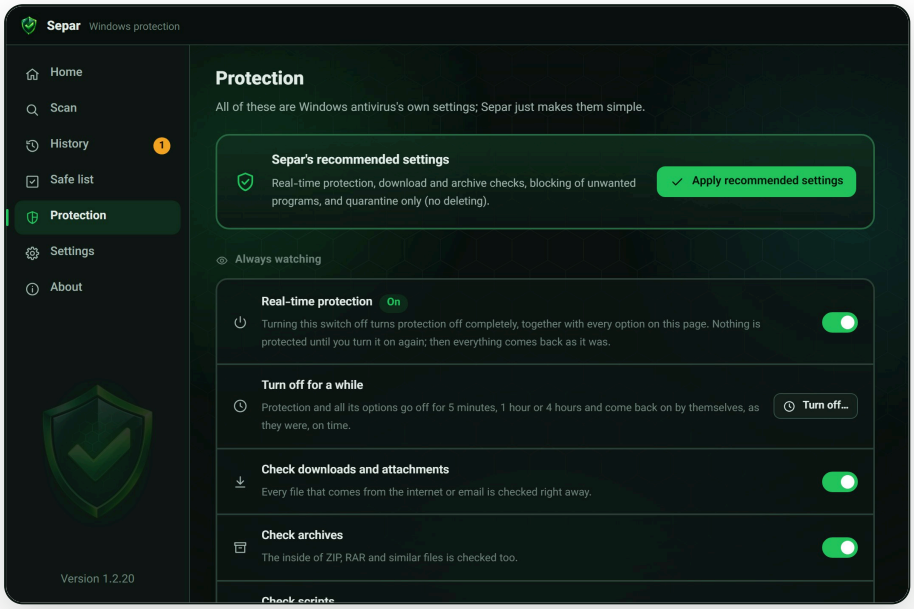
The Safe list page

- With “Add folder...” or “Add file...”, choose what you want in the window that opens.
- **Folders:** nothing inside these folders is checked. **Files:** only these files themselves are not checked.
- **Extensions:** type a file extension (for example psd) and click “Add”. From then on, all files with this extension, wherever they are, are not checked.
- Programs that were already on the Windows list are shown here too, so you can remove them if you want; Separ does not add new programs.
- To remove an item, click the red ✕ next to it. From then on the antivirus checks it again.

> ⚠ **Use with care**
>
> A virus inside a safe folder will not be found. Only add things you fully trust; the shorter this list, the safer your PC.

9 Protection

All the settings on this page belong to Windows antivirus itself; Separ only shows them simply, in one place.



The Protection page

Separ's recommended settings

"Apply recommended settings" sets all the important options with one click.

Real-time protection

The main protection switch. Turning it off turns all protection off until you turn it back on yourself; turning it on brings everything back as it was.

Turn off for a while

Turns protection off for a short time and then turns it back on by itself.

Check downloads and attachments

Every file that comes from the internet or email is checked right away.

Check archives

The inside of ZIP, RAR and similar files is checked too.

Check scripts

Commands that a browser or Windows runs are checked before they run.

USB and external drives in full scans

Full scans also check connected USB sticks and external drives.

Block unwanted programs

Stops adware and programs that install other things without asking.

Block dangerous websites

Stops connections to known scam and malware sites.

Cloud protection

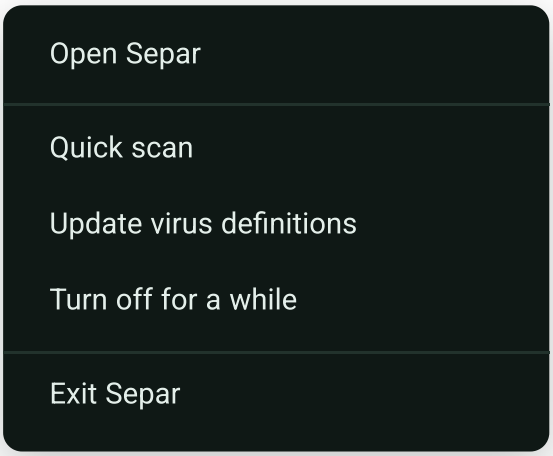
Asks Microsoft's servers for help in recognising very new threats.

Further down this page, you can also set:

- **Quarantine only:** every threat is only quarantined, and Windows does not delete any file by itself.
- **Automatic deletion of quarantined items:** after 1 week, 1 month or 3 months.
- **Virus definition updates:** the version and the time of the last update, how many hours between automatic checks, and the “Update virus definitions” button to update right now.
- **Automatic scan:** off, or daily when the PC is idle. Separ's scans always start from you.

10 The menu next to the clock

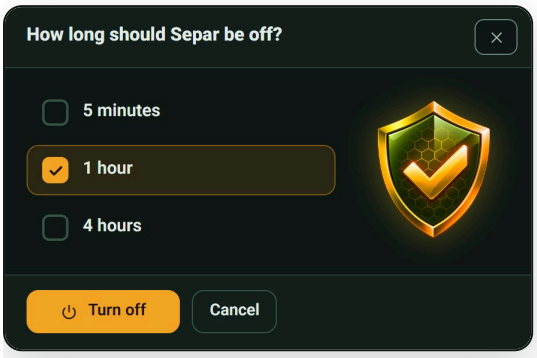
When Windows starts, Separ quietly takes its place next to the clock. Hold the mouse over the icon to see the status of your PC, and click it once to open Separ. Right-click it to open this menu:



When you close the Separ window, the program stays next to the clock and keeps working. A few minutes after the PC starts, it also checks by itself that the virus definitions are up to date.

11 Turn off for a while

Sometimes protection needs to be off for a short time; for example while installing a program you trust that the antivirus blocks for no reason. Separ makes this easy.



The “Turn off for a while” window

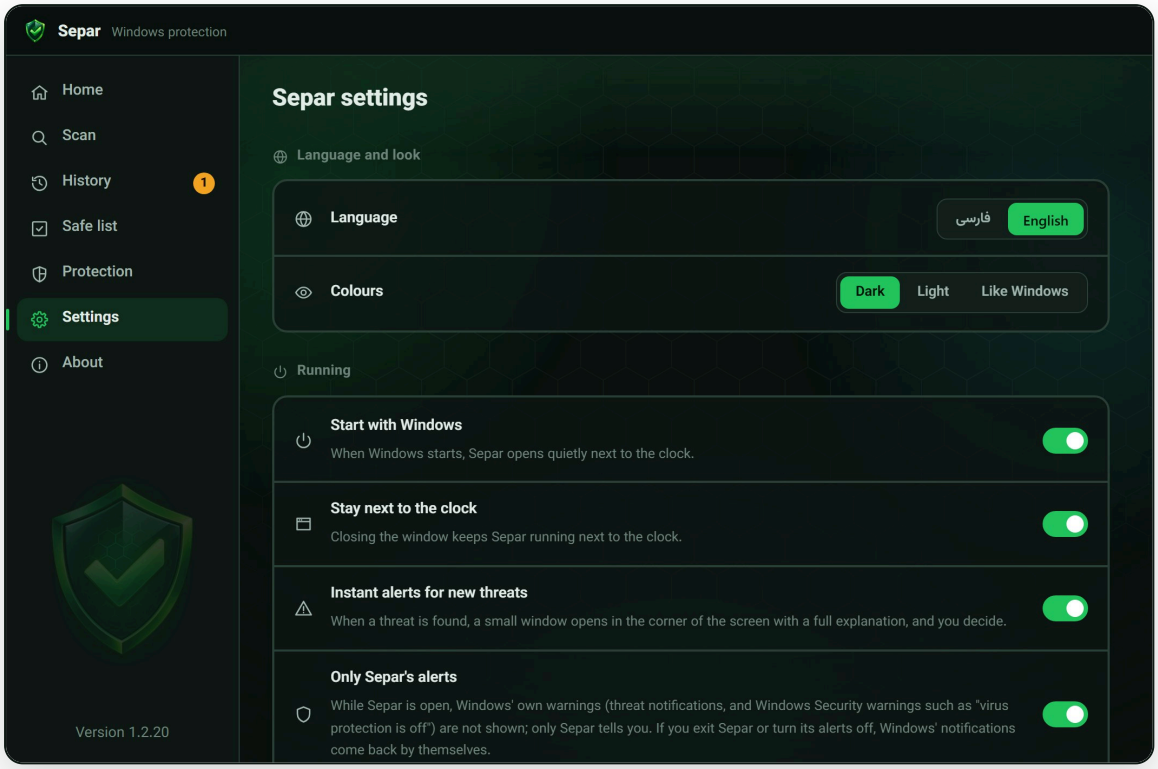
1. Choose “Turn off for a while” in the menu next to the clock, or the “Turn off…” button on the “Protection” page.
2. Choose how long: five minutes, one hour or four hours.
3. Click “Turn off”, and in Separ's question choose “Yes”.

- Protection and all its options go off, and Separ and the icon next to the clock show until what time it is off.
- When the time is up, everything turns back on by itself, just as it was; even if the PC is restarted in the meantime.
- If you finish sooner, turn on the “Real-time protection” switch on the “Protection” page.

If “Tamper Protection” is on in Windows, this button is locked; see the “Frequently asked questions” section.

> **Note**
> While protection is off, Windows Security says “This setting is managed by your administrator”. That is Separ's doing, and it goes away when protection is turned back on.

12 Settings



The Settings page

Language and colours
Persian or English; dark, light, or “Like Windows” colours that follow the colours of Windows.

Start with Windows
When Windows starts, Separ opens quietly next to the clock.

Stay next to the clock
Closing the window keeps Separ next to the clock, and it keeps working.

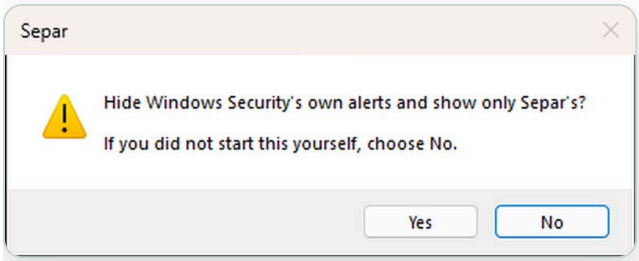
Instant alerts for new threats
When a threat is found, Separ's alert window opens.

Only Separ's alerts
While Separ is open, Windows' own alerts are hidden and only Separ tells you. If you exit Separ completely, Windows' alerts come back by themselves.

About Separ
The versions of Separ and of Windows antivirus, and the “Exit Separ” button.

13 Separ's confirmation question

Before anything that lowers protection, Separ shows a small Windows box with “Yes” and “No” buttons:



Separ's confirmation question

- Turning protection off, completely or for a while
- Turning off any of the protection options, or turning off automatic scans
- Adding a file extension to the safe list (for example psd)
- Restoring a file from quarantine
- Turning on “Only Separ's alerts”

A simple rule

This box belongs to Separ itself, and Windows does not let any other program click it for you. So if you see this question but did not start anything yourself, choose “No”. “No” is the default option.

14 Security and privacy

No internet connection

Separ itself does not connect to the internet and sends no information from your PC anywhere. The virus definitions are updated by Windows itself.

Confirmation question

Things that lower protection only happen with your confirmation, in Separ's special box.

Protected folders

Separ's settings, and the copy of Separ that opens with Windows, are kept in folders that ordinary programs are not allowed to change.

No decisions of its own

Separ never turns protection off by itself and never deletes any file without your permission.

Only Windows' own tools

For everything it does, Separ uses the official tools of Windows antivirus itself.

15 Removing Separ

Removing Separ is simple:

1. If you have turned protection off, first turn on the “Real-time protection” switch on the “Protection” page.
2. On the “Settings” page, turn off “Start with Windows”.
3. In the menu next to the clock, choose “Exit Separ”.
4. Delete the Separ file. Also delete the Separ folder inside Program Files:

   ```
   C:\Program Files\Separ
   ```

5. If you want, also delete Separ's settings folders:

   ```
   C:\ProgramData\Separ
   ```

   ```
   %LOCALAPPDATA%\Separ
   ```

After Separ is removed, Windows antivirus keeps working with the last settings you chose.

16 Frequently asked questions

Is Separ a separate antivirus?

No. Separ manages the same built-in Windows antivirus. There is no need to install another antivirus or to turn Windows antivirus off.

What if I have another antivirus installed?

When another antivirus is installed, Windows sets its own antivirus aside, and Separ cannot do much either. Separ is for when you use the antivirus of Windows itself.

Does Separ slow the PC down?

No. Separ is only a management program and spends most of its time waiting quietly next to the clock. The main work is done by Windows itself, as always.

What happens if I exit Separ completely?

Windows antivirus keeps working with the settings you chose, and Windows' own alerts are shown again by themselves. If you turned protection off for a while, it turns back on when the time is up, even while Separ is closed. But if you turned it off completely, it stays off until you open Separ again and turn it on.

Does Separ turn anything off or delete anything by itself?

Never. Separ never turns protection off by itself and never deletes any file without your permission.

Why does Separ want administrator rights?

Because Windows only lets programs with administrator rights change the antivirus settings. Separ asks only the first time; after that it opens with Windows without asking.

Windows Security says a setting is “managed by your administrator”; is something wrong?

No. This message only appears when you have turned protection off with Separ, and it goes away when protection is turned back on.

Why are “Real-time protection” and “Turn off for a while” locked in Separ?

Because “Tamper Protection” is on in Windows Security. This Windows feature does not let any program, not even Separ, turn protection off. If you need this feature of Separ, you can turn it off in Windows Security (Virus & threat protection › Manage settings › Tamper Protection).

How do I replace Separ with a new version?

In the menu next to the clock, choose “Exit Separ”, then run the new file once. From then on, Windows opens that new version when it starts.

Does Separ work on Windows 10?

Separ was built and tested for Windows 11.



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Windows antivirus, simple and hassle-free

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