

Serious Laptop Computer Virus Alert

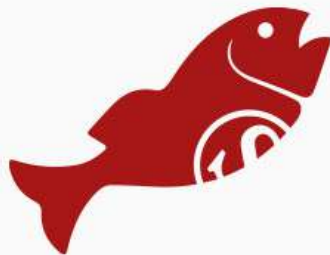
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We are often hearing scare stories about computer viruses and Trojans; if you think they are all hype, check out [this article](#). There are devils out there who spend every moment of their waking lives dreaming up schemes to steal your personal information or simply trash your computer. Fortunately, there are angels as well, and if you use the anti-virus program AVG, when you switched on your machine this morning, you will most likely have seen the message below.

How to remove Superfish and its certificate from your Lenovo[®] PC



What is Superfish?

Superfish is a piece of software that [Lenovo has admitted to pre-installing](#) on many of its laptops to "enhance the shopping experience" of its users. However, the [U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team](#) calls Superfish a "man-in-the-middle attack" because of how it "intercepts users' web traffic to provide targeted advertisements."

Superfish warning on AVG Anti-Virus Website

AVG has set up a special page warning about this so-called *Superfish* program which although not a virus can compromise your security. The AVG *Superfish* webpage can currently be found [here](#). It is important to note what AVG says, this program has root security, so restoring from a backup will not get rid of it. You will find a special free *Superfish* removal tool at the bottom of the same page.

If you don't subscribe to AVG, why not? There is a [free version](#), which gives you basic protection; other companies including Microsoft also offer free security programs; if you are using a PC, you should download [Microsoft Security Essentials](#) at the very least. And don't forget to check regularly the scam alert websites and forums that are only a couple of mouse clicks away.

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