

Is my internet security on?

In the age of the Internet, the concept of “Internet Security” is frequently glossed over by the major manufacturers of computers. Most frequently, when a computer is purchased, it comes with an inactive, and usually expired, trial-version of some Internet Security Program (usually from McAfee or Norton).

To make matters worse, these manufacturers do not inform you that these programs are not active, nor do they tell you how to activate them (if they have not expired).

So, how can you tell if: 1. You have an Internet Security Program, and 2. That it is active and up to date? Well, in the lower-right hand corner of your screen, down near the clock, there should be a little icon for the product: a black M in a red square for McAfee, and something that looks like a yellow basketball for Norton.

If inactive or not working properly, the McAfee icon will become a white M in a black square, and the Norton icon will have a red X in front of it.

Next time: How to be more secure while surfing the internet.