

Win32/FakeRean threat description - Microsoft Security

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[Detected by Microsoft Defender Antivirus](#)

Aliases: Trojan:Win32/FakeRean (Microsoft) Win32/FakeRean (Microsoft) Antispyware Vista (other) Antispyware Win 7 (other) Antispyware XP (other) AntiSpyware XP 2009 (other) Antivirus Pro 2010 (other) AntiVirus Studio 2010 (other) Antivirus Vista (other) Antivirus Vista 2010 (other) Antivirus Win 7 (other) Antivirus Win 7 2010 (other) Antivirus XP (other) Antivirus XP 2010 (other) Desktop Defender 2010 (other) Desktop Security 2010 (other) Home Antivirus 2010 (other) PC Antispyware 2010 (other) PC Security 2009 (other) Privacy Protection (other) Security Central (other) Security Protection (other) Security Solution 2011 (other) Smart Security 2010 (other) Spyware Protection (other) Total PC Defender (other) Total PC Defender 2010 (other) Total Vista Security (other) Total Win 7 Security (other) Total XP Security (other) Vista AntiMalware (other) Vista AntiMalware 2010 (other) Vista Anti-Spyware (other) Vista Antispyware 2010 (other) Vista Antispyware 2011 (other) Vista Anti-Spyware 2011 (other) Vista Antispyware 2012 (other) Vista Antivirus (other) Vista Antivirus 2010 (other) Vista Antivirus 2011 (other) Vista Anti-Virus 2011 (other) Vista Antivirus 2012 (other) Vista Antivirus Pro (other) Vista Antivirus Pro 2010 (other) Vista Defender (other) Vista Defender 2010 (other) Vista Defender Pro (other) Vista Guard (other) Vista Guardian (other) Vista Guardian 2010 (other) Vista Home Security (other) Vista Home Security 2011 (other) Vista Home Security 2012 (other) Vista Internet Security (other) Vista Internet Security 2010 (other) Vista Internet Security 2011 (other) Vista Internet Security 2012 (other) Vista Security (other) Vista Security 2011 (other) Vista Security 2012 (other) Vista Security Tool (other) Vista Security Tool 2010 (other) Vista Smart Security (other) Vista Smart Security 2010 (other) Vista Total Security (other) Vista Total Security 2011 (other) Vista Total Security 2012 (other) Win 7 AntiMalware (other) Win 7 AntiMalware 2010 (other) Win 7 Anti-Spyware (other) Win 7 Antispyware 2010 (other) Win 7 Anti-Spyware 2011 (other) Win 7 Antispyware 2012 (other) Win 7 Antivirus (other) Win 7 Antivirus 2010 (other) Win 7 Anti-Virus 2011 (other) Win 7 Antivirus 2012 (other) Win 7 Antivirus Pro (other) Win 7 Antivirus Pro 2010 (other) Win 7 Antivirus Pro 2013 (other) Win 7 Antivirus Security Pro 2013 (other) Win 7 Defender (other) Win 7 Defender 2010 (other) Win 7 Defender Pro (other) Win 7 Guard (other) Win 7 Guardian (other) Win 7 Guardian 2010 (other) Win 7 Home Security (other) Win 7 Home Security 2011 (other) Win 7 Home Security 2012 (other) Win 7 Internet Security (other) Win 7 Internet Security 2010 (other) Win 7 Internet Security 2011 (other) Win 7 Internet Security 2012 (other) Win 7 Security (other) Win 7 Security 2011 (other) Win 7 Security 2012 (other) Win 7 Security Center (other) Win 7 Security Tool (other) Win 7 Security Tool 2010 (other) Win 7 Smart Security (other) Win 7 Smart Security 2010 (other) Win 7 Total Security (other) Win 7 Total Security 2011 (other) Win 7 Total Security 2012 (other) XP AntiMalware (other) XP AntiMalware 2010 (other) XP Anti-Spyware (other) XP Antispyware 2009 (other) XP Antispyware 2010 (other) XP Antispyware 2011 (other) XP Anti-Spyware 2011

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Summary

[Windows Defender](#) detects and removes this threat.

This family of [rogue security programs](#) pretend to scan your PC for malware, and often report lots of infections. The program will say you have to pay for it before it can fully clean your PC.

However, the program hasn't really detected any malware at all and isn't really an antivirus or antimalware scanner. It just looks like one so you'll send money to the people who made the program. Some of these programs use product names or logos that unlawfully impersonate Microsoft products.

Even if you do pay to "unlock" the app, it won't do anything because your PC isn't actually infected with all that malware it "found".

Different brands of the rogues may modify various settings on your computer, end or close programs or system services, or block access to websites.

[Find out ways that malware can get on your PC.](#)

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