

BASIC DIGITAL SAFETY		Sami Maher Nahum, 2415431	
Digital safety is when you protect your electronic devices from harmful things such as malware and viruses from damaging your device and or your data as well. It also consists of browsing places like the internet in a safe manor which prevents unwanted programs entering your computer and making sure you get optimal performance out of your device.			
Firstly, to ensure your device is secure you can do a basic malware scan on your computer for example if you are using a windows computer, open 'virus and threat protection' in your settings and you can start a quick scan. This will scan all the files on your device and ensure you can remove any unwanted programs that are hiding in your files potentially slowing or harming your device.	Anti Malware/Virus protection is essential on all your smart devices, as information such as your email, credit cards and other essential documents may be on your device. If your data is leaked it can result in things such as fraud where people can now impersonate you with all the necessary information all being in one place. Businesses especially need anti-malware as any attacks on their data could harm their business so protection is a must.	References Sam De Silva 2021, Digital security, Https://optf.ngo/digital-safety-tips , Last accessed 24.11.24	
		Some bonus tips to stay safe online. 1. Don't click on any links or download anything you are unsure of from your email as it could have hidden unwanted programs. 2. You can verify the safety of a link by running it through a link checker such as GetSafeOnline Check is a website is a scam or fraud (https://check.getsafeonline.org) 3. Make sure to change your password after any data leak or every now and then to reduce the possibility of your password being found out.	
You can use a website to check the status of your cyber security such as NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) Check your cyber security - NCSC.GOV.UK			