

Browser Extensions

Do you need them?

What is a Browser Extension?

A browser extension, also known as a plug-in, is a small software module that adds functionality to a web browser. Extensions can customize your browsing experience by extending your browser's functionality.

Are Browser Extensions Safe?


While [browser extensions](#) bring a whole new level of convenience, it's important to remember they are not without their risks. The potential dangers include privacy issues, as some extensions can access your data or browsing history. While many extensions require a certain level of access to your data in order to perform their functions, it's important to make sure they're also respecting your privacy by accessing and storing data securely.

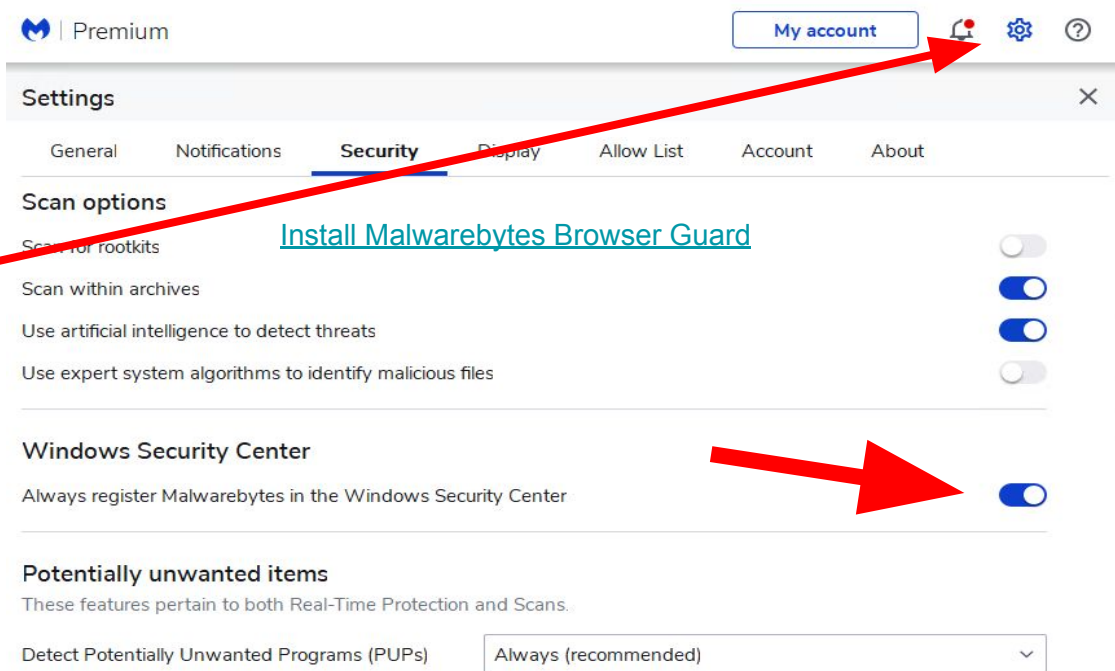
Understanding and Managing Extension Conflicts

Extension conflicts can lead to web pages not loading correctly, extensions not working as expected, or even causing your browser to crash.

For example let's look at how we would install the [Browser Guard](#) extension from Malwarebytes. On an added note if you are using Malwarebytes on a Windows PC please check and make sure that Malwarebytes is unregistered in Windows Security

How to Configure the Windows Security Center setting for Malwarebytes

1. Open the Malwarebytes for Windows application.
2. Click the Settings  button on the right. Select the Security tab to locate Windows Security Center.
3. Toggle to enable or disable registering Malwarebytes with the Windows Security Center.



The big question on the use of [browser extensions](#) is; how much do you value your privacy versus the convenience that the extension offers?

When deciding whether or not to install an extension, always keep in mind the type of resources the extension can access and where it will send the data it collects. Treat with extreme caution any extensions that do any of the following:

- Interact with local files
- Interact with the Windows Registry
- Interact with [cookies](#)
- Access any browser tab or window
- Execute commands in the user's [shell](#)

Some recommended extensions from various websites

[The 80+ Best Chrome Extensions for 2023](#)

[The 15 best productivity extensions for Chrome in 2024](#)