

SCAN YOUR BROWSER FOR VULNERABILITIES

Beginners' Kaffee Klatch
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Your computer's Web browser is a wonderful thing. It takes you all over the Web, allowing you to watch videos, purchase products, download anything, play games, etc. You name it, it lets you do it.

Your Web browser, whether it be Internet Explorer, Firefox, Opera or one of the others available, is your Web surfing vessel; like a magic carpet ride through cyberspace. Your Web browser however, can also be an open door to all sorts of unwelcome scumware, and if not properly secured, it can lead to all sorts of unwanted problems down the road.

E-mail isn't the only way to infect someone's computer and lately, there have been a lot more malware applications using browser based attacks in order to compromise unsuspecting users' machines. With a list of vulnerabilities and exceptions that gets longer each day, how do you know if you are protected from the current Web attackers? It can be a full time job trying to keep yourself informed to the point of being pro-active about your browser's state of vulnerability. Who's got time for that?

There is a Web service, from a company called **Scanit**, which will scan your browser with an invasive battery of tests that will help to determine just how secure your browser is. With the click of your mouse, you can scan your browser for any and all current threats that roam the Web. You can even customize the scan and pick and choose which tests to run. **Browser Test** is easy to use with only a little user interaction required. It has the options to perform a full scan, a scan that only pertains to the particular browser you're using or you can pick and choose from scan to scan.

While the scan is under way, it displays a progress bar along with a brief description of what is being tested at that particular moment, with the results of each separate scan. This is a great way to get familiar with the terms and types of vulnerabilities that can affect your browser. There is also a complete set of [FAQs](http://bcheck.scanit.be/bcheck/faq.php) (<http://bcheck.scanit.be/bcheck/faq.php>) that will explain the Web service, what it does and why it does it, along with information on what certain components of your browser are and how they can be used against you.

It's fast, effective and there's nothing to install on your system. This is a service that anyone who surfs the Web might consider using. Do a scan when you have some time and see if your browser is as safe as you may think.

The Browser Test can be found by clicking this link:

<http://bcheck.scanit.be/bcheck/faq.php>.