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Interestingly but not surprisingly, for Free Software fans, malware is considered any non-open source software, like your nVidia or Catalyst proprietary drivers. So for this post I tried Avira Antivirus which isn't free, to fight the fire with fire, or in my case to fight a malware with a malware 😊

What I did, was to download a virus and then scan my PC with Avira, discover it and delete it. Again, so far Linux in Home is considered virus-proof as long as you keep the recommended guidelines. In the future all these might change, and the increased popularity of Linux Desktop/Tablet will probably enable Virus Authors to spend some 'quality' time to discover and get advantage of Linux vulnerabilities. But this is not the case today, so we we need an Anti-Virus Software in Linux?

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