

# Scareware

This term is made up from the words “scare” and “software”. Based on misleading alert messages pointing e. g. to an infection of your device, you are supposed to become so scared and unsettled that you feel actually pressured, for instance into buying a dubious “anti-virus program” (which is then useless).

See also: [Malware \(https://www.ebas.ch/en/glossary/malware/\)](https://www.ebas.ch/en/glossary/malware/)