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[How to Use the BitDefender Rescue CD to Clean Your Infected PC](#)

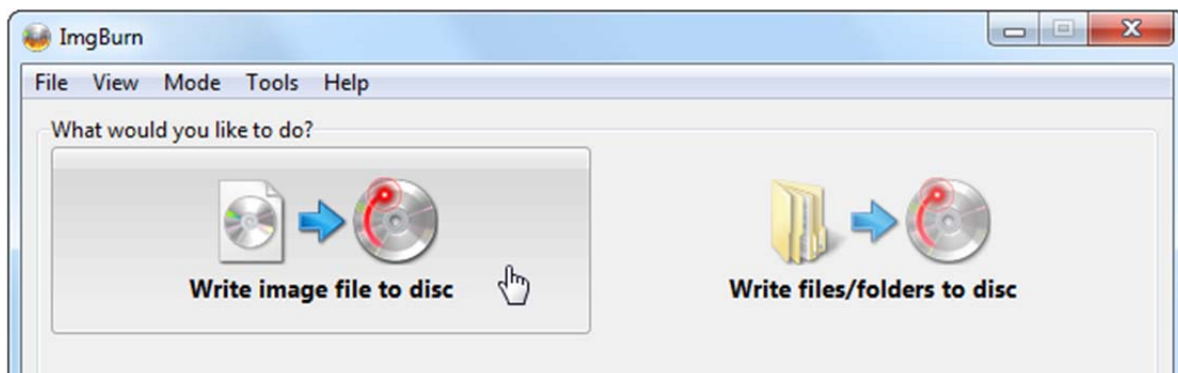


When you've got a PC completely infected with viruses, sometimes it's best to reboot into a rescue disc and run a full virus scan from there. Here's how to use the BitDefender Rescue CD to clean an infected PC.

We've already shown you [how to use the Kaspersky rescue disk](#), and this method works similarly, but has a couple of advantages, like automatic virus definition updates and an integrated data recovery tool—though you can always use both to be doubly sure your PC is cleaned.

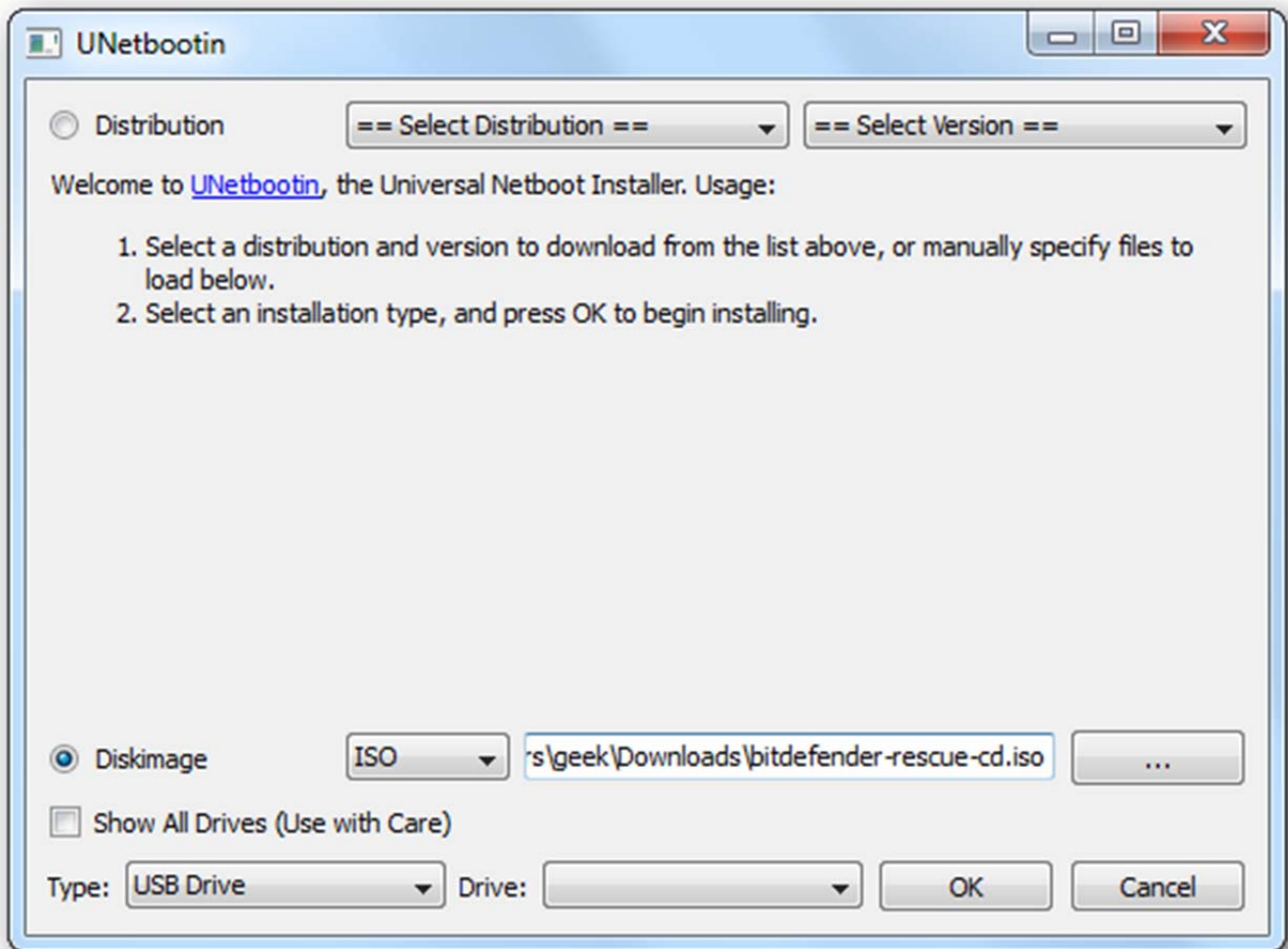
Download and Burn the Image to a Disc

The first thing you'll need to do is head over to the BitDefender site and [download the latest version of their rescue CD](#), and then use an application to burn that ISO image file to an optical disc—we prefer using [ImgBurn](#), but there's plenty of ways to burn an ISO to a disc.



Download and Create a Rescue USB

If you'd rather create a USB drive to boot from, you can [download UNetbootin](#) and use it to create the bootable flash drive—just select Diskimage and then browse to the location of the downloaded ISO file.



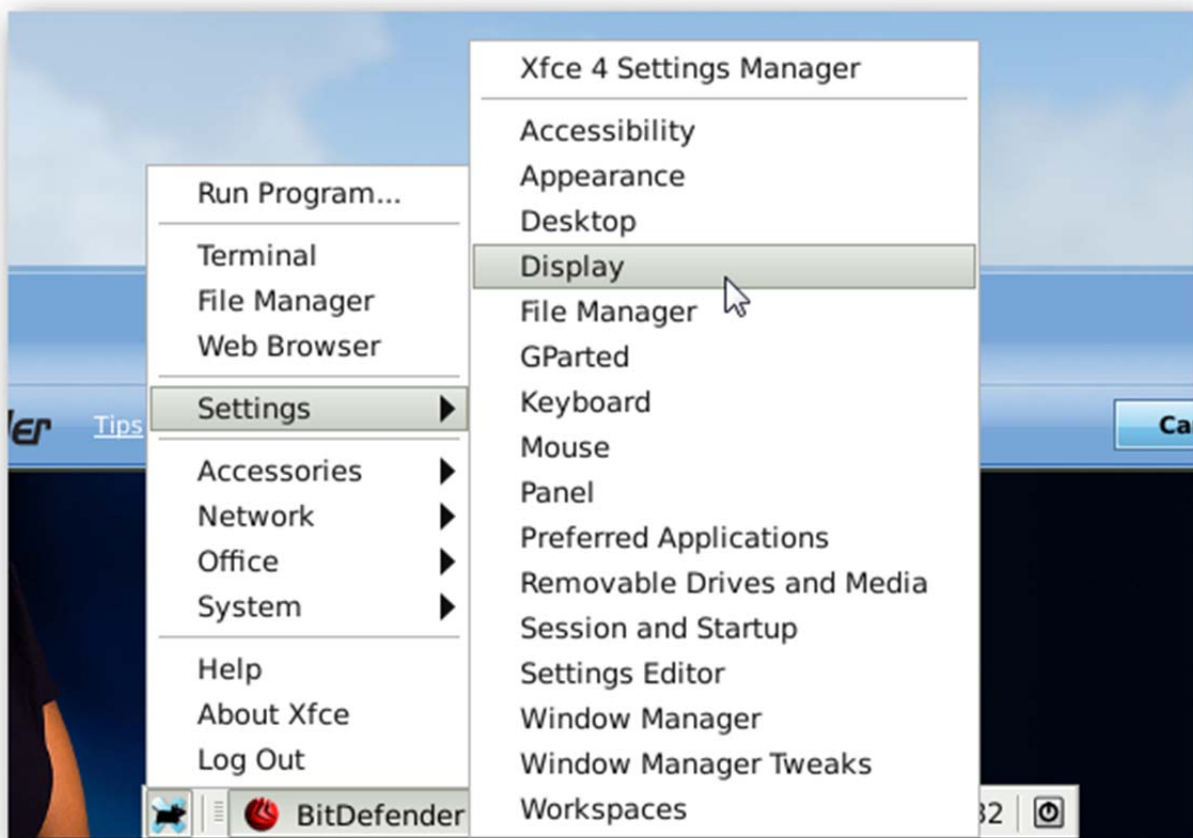
Select the drive that you want to write the image to, and follow the steps.

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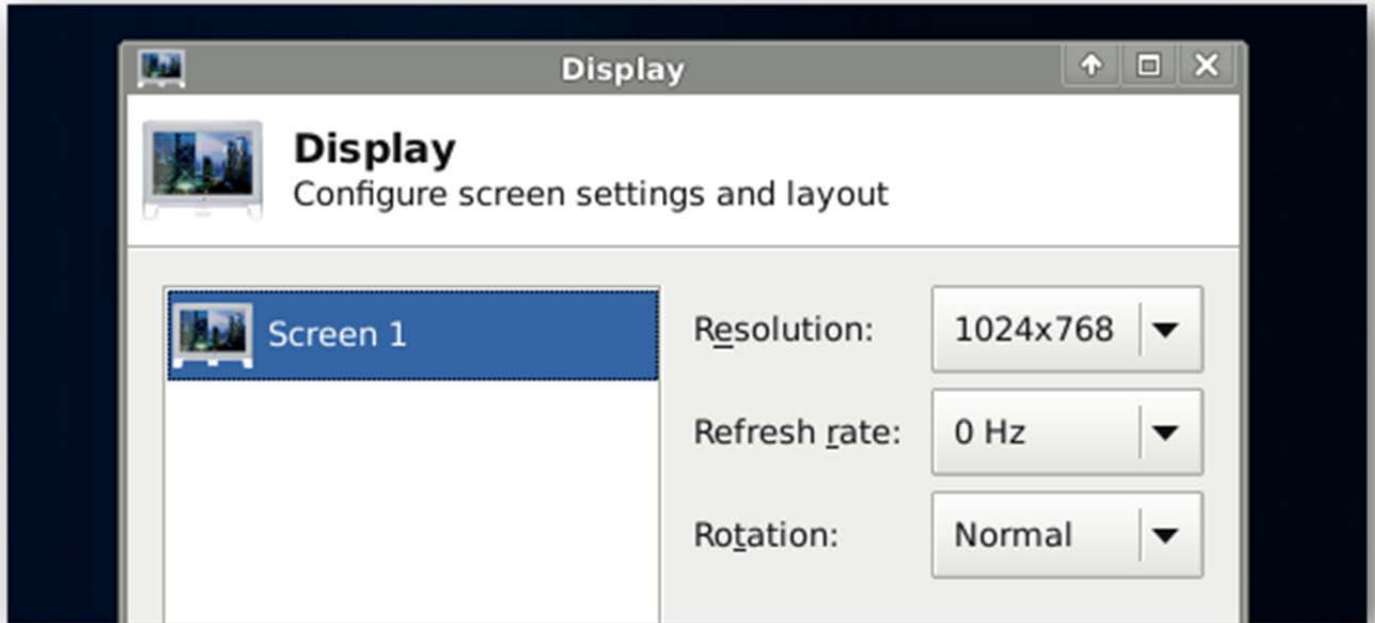
Once you drop the disc in the drive and reboot, you'll see a prompted menu that lets you choose the language you'd like to start with, or you can boot from the hard drive normally. We'll obviously choose to start up the rescue CD.



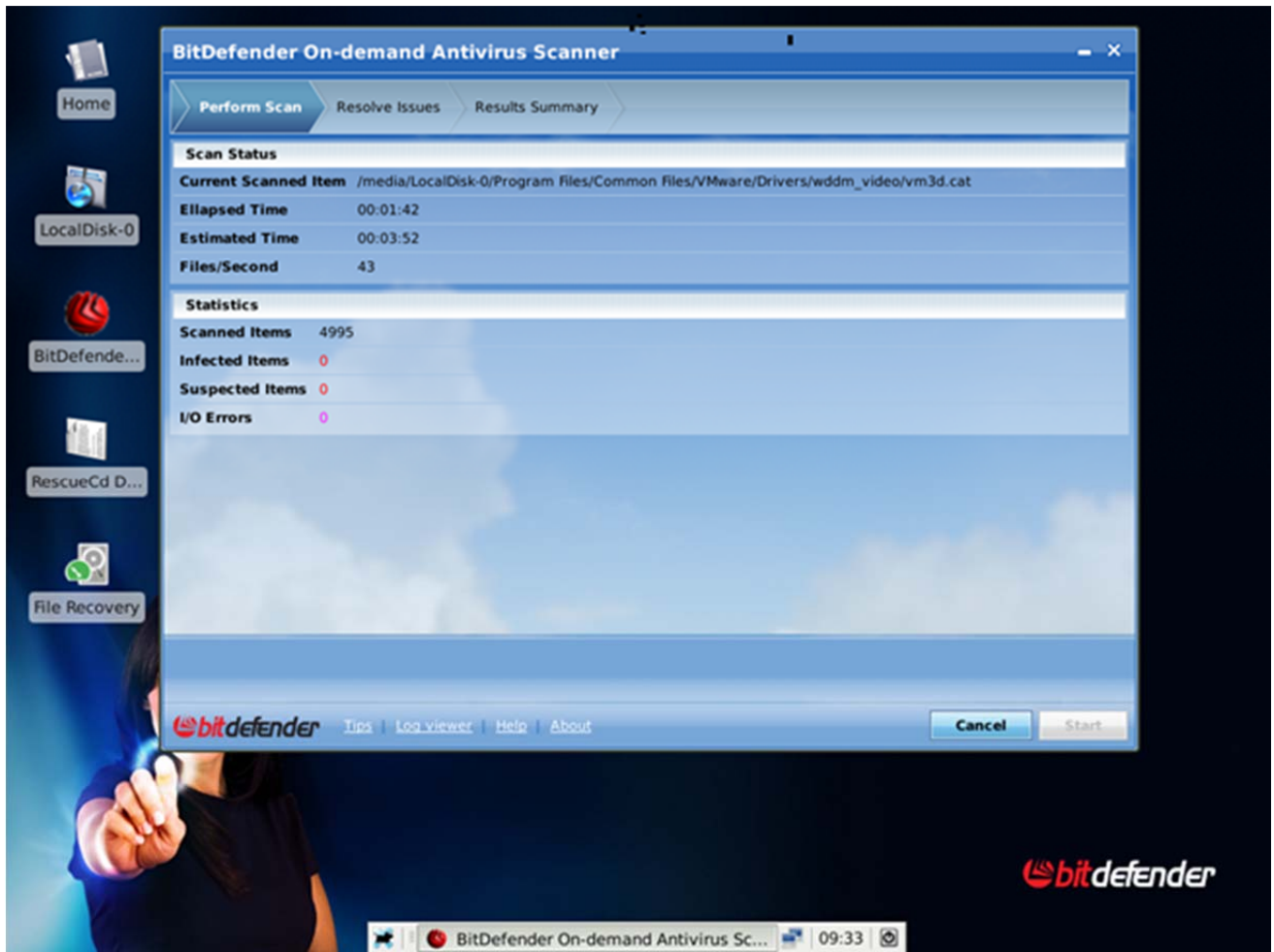
Once you've started it up, if the resolution is too small, you can use the menu at the bottom to head to Settings → Display to adjust it.



From here you can change the resolution to something bigger—you can use 1024×768 to make sure you've got enough room on the screen to see everything.



Once you've accepted the license agreement, the scan starts immediately.



If you need to do some work on your file system, you can easily use the File Manager to get to your files—the nice thing is that it opens up directly into your Windows drive.



There's also a copy of TestDisk installed automatically, which can be used to recover data. If you'd like more information about how to use it, we've got a whole article about [recovering data like a forensics expert](#).



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TestDisk 6.11.3, Data Recovery Utility, May 2009
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http://www.cgsecurity.org

TestDisk is a free data recovery software designed to help recover lost
partitions and/or make non-booting disks bootable again when these symptoms
are caused by faulty software, certain types of viruses or human error.
It can also be used to repair some filesystem errors.

Information gathered during TestDisk use can be recorded for later
review. If you choose to create the text file, testdisk.log, it
will contain TestDisk options, technical information and various
outputs; including any folder/file names TestDisk was used to find and
list onscreen.

Use arrow keys to select, then press Enter key:
[ Create ] Create a new log file
[ Append ] Append information to log file
[ No Log ] Don't record anything
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It's as simple as that. Enjoy your virus-free PC.

[Download the BitDefender Rescue CD from bitdefender.com](http://www.bitdefender.com)

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