
About This Document

Who Should Read This Manual

Anyone responsible for protecting computer data against possible viruses should read this manual. Whether you're responsible for maintaining a large network with multiple servers and workstations, or you're using your computer at home, this manual is written for you.



Read the next section to get a quick view of what you'll find in this book.

This manual gives you guidelines for protecting against viruses, as well as instructions for installing and using VirusScan for the Mac OS. It's not necessary to read this entire document at once; therefore, you'll want to look at the introductory material first to decide which tasks are most important to you. The next section outlines the chapters and indicates what major tasks are covered.

What You'll Find in This Manual

Using VirusScan for the Mac OS contains information you need to install and use the product components. VirusScan documentation provides a clear and easy path to information you need to use the product effectively.

 See the Release Notes for last minute updates made to the product.

The following topics are covered:

Getting the basics

Chapter 1, "About This Document." Tells you how this book is organized, describes the notation and symbols used in this book.

Chapter 2, "Introducing VirusScan." Describes the key features and benefits of using VirusScan, and introduces each component.

Chapter 3, "Getting Started with VirusScan." Tells you how to install and begin using VirusScan. It also provides recommendations for getting the most protection from VirusScan.

Using VirusScan

Chapter 4, "Using VirusScan." Provides instructions for scanning disks, viewing VirusScan reports, and installing and using the VirusScan protection extension.

Appendix A, "VirusScan Messages." Lists and describes system messages you may encounter while using VirusScan.

Appendix B, "Recommendations for Keeping Your System Virus-Free." Lists actions you can take to protect your system against viruses.

Notation and Symbols

In this section, we've illustrated and described the conventions we've used throughout the manual. Our style is designed to eliminate clutter so you can focus on the important task of protecting your data. Take a look now, before you begin using the guidelines, so that you'll know how to interpret the information in this manual.

Procedures

Procedures begin with a feature description followed by step-by-step procedures. Specific text you are to type is shown in uppercase letters. Placeholders for items such as file names that you must supply yourself are shown in lowercase letters.

The following paragraphs show how procedures appear:

Step**Action**

1. Numbered steps tell you what action to take.

Response: Tells how the system responds to the actions you take.

Action: Tells what further action, if necessary, you need to perform to complete the step.

Once you become familiar with how to use VirusScan, you can skip the feature description and go straight to the procedure for a quick reference.

Information references

KEY
KEY+KEY

Key notation. This notation represents a key on the keyboard. In a step-by-step instruction, we instruct you to press one key or a combination of keys to perform a function.



This note contains important information for all users.

Author note. The author note emphasizes information about any of the following:

- Options
- Functions
- Procedures
- References to information in the current chapter, a different chapter, or another manual.



Text note. The text note emphasizes supplemental information that provides tips about options, functions, or procedures.