

## Welcome

Configuration Assistant is a quick and easy way to customize how you want the components of McAfee Utilities to work on your computer. Via a series of interview screens, you will be given options such as configuring specific features and tasks that can be automatically enabled, run as well as setting up icons of McAfee Utilities components to display on your Windows desktop for easy access.

This Welcome screen allows you to select from the following options:

- **Express – Standard features.** Select this option if you want to use the default settings of McAfee Utilities. Click Details to view the pre-configured settings (e.g., components that will run automatically).
- **Custom – You decide.** Select this option if you want to go through each of the available features that you can customize. Click Next and select from the options displayed for each of the succeeding screens.

### **Express Mode Details**

If you selected **Express – Standard features** and clicked the Details button from the initial Configuration Assistant screen, this screen displays the default settings of McAfee Utilities.

- Scroll-down on the text box to view default setting information such as components that will be run automatically and icons that will be created on your Windows desktop for easy access on specific components of McAfee Utilities.
- Click **Finish** to accept the default settings or click the **Back** button to customize preferred settings.

## Protection from Crashes

This screen allows you to enable any of the following component features of McAfee Utilities:

- **Enable Crash Monitor.** Select this option to automatically enable you to intercept general protection faults and other system crashes thereby allowing you to apply appropriate recovery measures and continue working.
- **Enable Crash Monitor CPR.** Select this option to enable you to display a list of open program whenever you encounter problems such as frozen application wherein you can be able to reactivate it.

**For more information, see:**

- [McAfee Guardian](#)
- [Crash Protector](#)

### **Manage Startup Tasks**

This screen allows you to enable Task Master which is the component of McAfee Utilities that monitors and handle programs and processes that are running on your computer as well as keeping track of your PC's performance.

If enabled, simply press Ctrl +Alt +Delete from your keyboard and the McAfee Task Master dialog box is displayed.

Through the options displayed via the McAfee Task Master dialog box, it will allow you to reactivate a program, end a task, shut down your computer, or view properties of an application. It also allows you to activate or create startup configurations on your computer.

**For more information, see:**

[Task Master.](#)

## Monitor Your System

This screen allows you to enable and/or run the following components of McAfee Utilities:

- **Enable Disk Space Monitor.** Select this option to automatically run DiskMinder which verifies, and can correct automatically or interactively, problems with your PC's components such as partition tables, File Allocation Tables (FATs), boot sector, extended boot sector, compression structure, directory structures, file dates and times, filenames, and clusters.
- **Enable Memory Monitor.** Select this option to continuously monitor your available Windows memory and alert you if a specified limit has already been reached. For more information on understanding Windows memory (i.e., physical, virtual and linear), see the main WinGauge help file and locate the topic on *Understanding Windows Memory*.
- **Run WinGauge automatically when you startup.** WinGauge is the dynamic reporting component tool of McAfee Utilities that constantly monitors your use of Windows and your applications. If this option is enabled, it will alert you if a potential problem is detected so that you can for example, save your data, close programs or take other actions to prevent your system from slowing down, crashing, or locking-up.

**For more information, see:**

[WinGauge](#)

[Disk Minder](#)

## Protect Your Files

This screen allows you to enable the following component of McAfee Utilities:

- **Run McAfee Image on Startup.** Select this option to enable McAfee Image to automatically run whenever you startup your Windows. It will make a "snapshot" of the most critical areas on your hard drives. Since even a recent back-up copy is still not as good as recovering your current data in case of a disaster, you'll want to try to recover the latest data first if anything goes wrong and this option allows you to create the backup copy during a Windows startup.

**For more information, see:**

[McAfee Image](#)

### **Optimize your Drives**

This screen allows you to enable **Active Tune**. It is the newest component of McAfee Utilities that reduces drive fragmentation in real-time. It makes use of patent-pending technology that directs Windows to intelligently write files to the drive to prevent fragmentation.

For more information, see the About Active Tune in the main [McAfee Utilities Help](#) file.

**Desktop Icons**

This screen allows you to set icons on your Windows desktop to enable you to quickly access either the main McAfee Utilities central screen or any of its program components. Select from the text box displayed.



**Start Tasks Automatically**

This screen allows you to schedule components of McAfee Utilities to performed specific tasks at a designated time. From the text box, select from the available tasks displayed and follow the succeeding instructions.

## **Summary**

This is the final screen of the Configuration Assistant interview wizard. It displays a summary of all the settings and options you have selected. Take the time to review them and click Finish to complete the interview, or click the Back button to return to previous screens where you may want to make a change.

**TIP:** If at any time, you would want to run the Configuration Assistant interview wizard again to change any of your settings:

1. Click the Options icon in the McAfee Utilities central screen.
2. From the drop-down menu, select Configuration Assistant.

**Zip Email compression**

This screen allows you to enable Zip Email compression. This is the McAfee Utilities component that when enabled, automatically compresses any of your email attachments. File attachments, particularly when it is a big file, is ideal to compress so that it can be sent faster.

**Note:** The Zip email compression feature integrates with the Microsoft Outlook. You can readily locate this feature via a *McAfee Utilities* entry in the Outlook menu bar.

