

Exchange Server Antivirus Scanners



In the past, maintaining a regular virus-scanning regimen on your network was sufficient to prevent, or at least contain, viruses. Viruses typically spread through disks, and email was much less prevalent than it is now. Today however, email is the primary communication tool in many work environments. Users create, send, and receive countless email messages and attached files every day.

Because most viruses now spread through email, it's difficult to ensure that your networks remain virus-free. What is an overworked network administrator to do? One solution is to install a server-side virus scanner.

The products listed in this Buyer's Guide act as a filter between your Microsoft Exchange Server system and the clients who receive email

messages through that system. Every product listed works to proactively prevent email viruses from spreading throughout your network. Some products monitor data as it's distributed to clients. Other products scan for and eradicate viruses as soon as the server receives infected email.

Typically, you want your email antivirus application to run unat-

tended, so make sure that the solution you choose doesn't require you to constantly monitor your servers. Features such as automatic quarantining, flexible alert options, and the ability to automatically download and install virus-definition updates will rank high on your feature checklist.

You also should consult with vendors and ask how frequently they update their virus-definition files. You want to have fast and frequent updates to ensure your system's safety.

When you install one of the products listed in this Buyer's Guide and take the proper precautions, email viruses simply won't get through. You'll feel assured that a virus won't replicate your address books or comb through your system and ravage your files.

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Contact Information	Product Name	Price	Description
Aladdin Knowledge Systems 212-564-5678 800-562-2543 http://www.ealaddin.com	eSafe Mail	\$1500 to \$15,000	Proactive security solution that scans and disinfects private and public mailboxes and SMTP traffic to and from other SMTP mail servers; blocks email traffic and scans it for unsolicited commercial email (UCE) as well as dangerous attachments, malicious scripts, spoofed mail, and other hostile content
Command Software Systems 561-575-3200 800-423-9147 http://www.commandcom.com	Command AntiVirus for Microsoft Exchange	\$760 for a 25-user license	Secures virus entry points with realtime scanning and behavior-blocking protection to stop both known and unknown viruses before they infiltrate your system
Computer Mail Services 248-352-6700 800-883-2674 http://www.cmsconnect.com	Praetor	Starts at \$725 for a 25-user license	Rules-based messaging firewall and content filter that rejects attachments that contain known viruses; uses filename patterns and extensions to quarantine suspicious attachments; reduces unwanted or objectionable email

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F-Secure 630-810-8901 888-432-8233 http://www.f-secure.com	F-Secure Anti-Virus for Microsoft Exchange 5.0	\$23 for a 100-user license	Protects users from malicious code within files and documents from shared databases; stops malicious code in outbound messages and in notes that users post in public folders; transparently scans files in the Information Store (IS) in realtime; lets you manually scan user mailboxes and public folders
GFI 919-388-3373 888-243-4329 http://www.gfi.com	Mail essentials for Exchange 3.5	Starts at \$350	Email content-checking and antivirus product that removes email-borne threats, including UCE, viruses, dangerous attachments, and offensive content; runs on Windows NT 4.0
	Mail essentials for Exchange 2000	Starts at \$350	Email content-checking and antivirus product that removes email-borne threats, including UCE, viruses, dangerous attachments, and offensive content; supports Exchange 2000 Server
GROUP Software 508-473-3332 877-476-8755 http://www.group-software.com	securiQ	\$2000	Integrated security package for Exchange Server protects against viruses; blocks undesired email messages; encrypts email communication; features automatic email disclaimers and intelligent email processing
McAfee 972-308-9960 888-847-8766 http://www.mcafeeb2b.com	GroupShield Exchange for Exchange 2000	Starts at \$28 per node	Uses Microsoft VirusScan API (MS-API) to increase scanning performance; can predict and detect new attacks; lets you manage Exchange Server and antivirus software from one console; alerts you to infections; lets you stop and start scans on demand; details viruses found, repaired, and quarantined
Nemx Software 613-831-2010 http://www.nemx.com	Nemx Anti Virus	\$795	Scans all messages that arrive at the Internet Mail Connector (IMC) queue before they proceed to the Message Transfer Agent (MTA) or the Internet; available as a standalone scanner or as a full scanner for the IMC, public folders, and private folders
Panda Software 818-553-0599 800-603-4922 http://www.pandasecurity.com	Global Virus Insurance	Call vendor for pricing	Uses Messaging API (MAPI) technology in the IS and the IMC to eliminate viruses in memory and in realtime; disinfects the contents of Rich Text Format (RTF) and HTML formats
Sybari Software 631-630-8500 800-239-1095 http://www.sybari.com	Antigen for Microsoft Exchange	\$4995 for a 250-user license	Inspects messages at the IS before they reach your mailbox
Symantec 408-517-8000 http://www.symantec.com	Norton AntiVirus 2.0 for Microsoft	From \$14 to \$27 per node	Scans and cleans email attachments in realtime as they enter Exchange Server systems; scans and repairs attachments in all popular compression and encoding formats
Trend Micro 408-257-1500 800-228-5651 http://www.antivirus.com	ScanMail for Exchange 2000	\$5000 for a 250-user license	Scalable multithreaded and multiprocess security product that installs on Exchange Server systems to enable uniform antivirus and security policies across the enterprise; integrates with the Exchange Server antivirus API; provides realtime antivirus protection
	ScanMail 3.51 for Exchange	\$5000 for a 250-user license	Scalable multithreaded and multiprocess security product that installs on Exchange Server systems to enable uniform antivirus and security policies across the enterprise; integrates with the Exchange Server antivirus API included in Exchange 5.5, Service Pack 3 (SP3); provides realtime antivirus protection