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Anti-Virus Programs

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TOPIC -----

I need information on the best anti-virus program available.

DISCUSSION -----

It is against Apple policy to make specific recommendations on third- party products. We want to encourage the widespread use of various anti-virus utilities so that a virus programmer has more than one program to circumvent, thus making the whole virus writing process more difficult. Here is a list of the anti-virus utilities we know of as of November 1992:

Disinfectant

Version: 2.9
Author: John Norstad
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Address: John Norstad
Academic Computing and Network Services
Northwestern University
2129 Sheridan Road
Evanston, Illinois 60208
USA
Phone: --
Fax: --
License: Freeware
Type: Application and Extension
Requires: Macintosh >= Mac 512Ke; System >= 6.0
Master Site: ftp.acns.nwu.edu
Master Path: pub/disinfectant

Gatekeeper

Version: 1.2.6
Author: Chris Johnson
E-Mail: chrisj@emx.cc.utexas.edu
Address: Chris Johnson

4505-B Avenue H
Austin, TX 78751
USA

Phone: --
Fax: --
License: Freeware
Type: Extensions, Control Panels and Application
Requires: Macintosh >= Mac Plus; System >= 4.1
Master Site: microlib.cc.utexas.edu
Master Path: microlib/mac/virus

MacTools Deluxe 2.0 AntiVirus

AKA: CP AntiVirus
Version: 2.0.1
Author: Central Point Software, Inc.
E-Mail: CPSMac.Tech@applelink.apple.com
Address: Central Point Software, Inc.
15220 N.W. Greenbriar Parkway
Suite 200
Beaverton, Oregon 97006
USA
Phone: (503) 690-8090
Fax: (503) 690-7133
License: Commercial
Type: Control Panel and Application
Requires: Macintosh >= Mac Plus; System >= 6.0.5; RAM >= 2MB
Master Site: n/a
Master Path: n/a

The latest signature files are available from the following:

America Online: keyword VIRUS:Antivirus tools library:
MacTools 2.0 Signatures
AppleLink: Software Sampler:Third Party Demos/Updates:
Software Updates:Central Point Software:
MacTools 2.0 Virus Signature
Central Point BBS: (503) 690-6650
CompuServe: GO CPSMAC, file name is "MacSig"

Rival

Version: 1.2.2
Author: Jean-Michel Decombe & Frederic Miserey
E-Mail: micropub@applelink.apple.com
Address: MicroSeeds Publishing, Inc.
2A Dorset Lane
Williston, Vermont 05495
USA
Phone: (802) 879-3365
Fax: (802) 879-4602

License: Commercial
Type: Control Panel
Requires: Macintosh >= Mac Plus; System >= 6.0.2
Master Site: n/a
Master Path: n/a

The latest Rival Vaccines & Refresh files are available from:

AppleLink: Software Sampler:Third Party Demos/Updates:
Software Updates:Microseeds:
CompuServe: GO MACBVEN, Library 11
Microseeds BBS: (802) 879-3634

Symantec Antivirus for the Macintosh

AKA: SAM
Version: 3.5
Author: Symantec Corp.
E-Mail: NORTON.TECH@applelink.apple.com
Address: Symantec Corp.
2500 Broadway, Ste 200
Santa Monica, CA 90404
Phone: (310) 449-4990
Fax: (310) 453-0636
License: Commercial
Type: Application and Control Panel
Requires: Macintosh >= Mac Plus; System >= 6.0; RAM >= 2MB under System 7
Master Site: n/a
Master Path: n/a

The latest SAM Virus Definitions file is available from:

America Online: KEYWORD SYMANTEC, Software Library;
file name is SAM Virus Definitions
AppleLink: Software Sampler:Third Party Demos/Updates:
Software Updates:Symantec:SAM Virus Definitions
CompuServe: GO NORUTL, Library 5, file name is SAM 30D
Symantec BBS: (408) 973-9598 -- 300/1200/2400 baud
(408) 973-9834 -- 9600 baud

Virex

Version: 3.82 (expect 3.83 no later than Dec. 1)
Author: Datawatch, Corp.
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3700 Lyckn Pkwy.
Suite B
Durham, NC 27707
USA
Phone: (919) 490-1277
Fax: (919) 490-6672

License: Commercial
Type: Application and Extension
Requires: --
Master Site: n/a
Master Path: n/a

VirusBlockade II

Version: 2.0.6
Author: Jeffrey S. Shulman
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1111 W. El Camino Real. Suite 109MAC
Sunnyvale, CA 94087-1057
USA
Phone: (408) 245-1890
Fax: (408) 245-1891
License: Demoware (\$59 US, \$64 non-US; includes VirusDetective)
Type: Control Panel
Requires: System >= 6.0.4; VirusDetective >= 5.0
Master Site: rascal.ics.utexas.edu
Master Path: mac/virus-catchers/VirusBlockade

VirusDetective

Version: 5.0.6
Author: Jeffrey S. Shulman
E-Mail: kilroy@netcom.com
Address: Shulman Software Co.
1111 W. El Camino Real. Suite 109MAC
Sunnyvale, CA 94087-1057
USA
Phone: (408) 245-1890
Fax: (408) 245-1891
License: Shareware (\$40 US, \$45 non-US)
Type: Desk Accessory
Requires: System >= 6.0.4
Master Site: rascal.ics.utexas.edu
Master Path: mac/virus-catchers/VirusDetective

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