

Virex Anti-Virus Software for Mac: Network Installation and Use

Disks and files used on networked Apple Macintoshes around the campus are NOT automatically checked for computer viruses. In addition, any Macintosh or PowerBook that is not networked, e.g. a Mac at home, may be vulnerable to virus attack, please read the section on Obtaining a copy of Virex for Non-Networked Macintoshes and Personal Use.

Installing Virex 7.2 (Mac OS X)

Virex 7.2 is available for Mac OS X version 10.1.3 or above. It can be found and installed as follows:

1. Login and mount the Mac OS X Utilities volume, newmac.cf.ac.uk with username/password newmac/newmac via the NetWare Client.
2. Open the folder Virex 7.2 for Mac OS X from the Utilities folder.
3. Double click **Virex 7.2.pkg** file to install.
(You must be Admin privileged user to install Virex and its updates)

Regular updates and full documentation for Virex 7.2 can be found in the same location.

Installing Virex 6.1 (Mac OS 8.x/9.x)

1. Login and mount the Macintosh Applications Server, **Server.MACAPPS**, e.g. BUTECF1K.MACAPPS, via the NetWare Client
[Mac OS X users should contact Computing for advice on obtaining Virex 7 for Mac OS X].
2. Double click **Virus Protection (Virex)**. This will automatically open the latest **Virex** folder on the **Macintosh Utilities** server (under NetWare 4)
3. Double click on the **Installer**
4. Click on **Scan** and **Scan** again to perform a scan of *All local volumes*
5. Click on **Install** and, to accept the default options (all checked), click on **Install** again
6. A message box indicates when installation of Virex has completed successfully. Select **Quit** and click **OK**.
7. Before restarting your Macintosh you are advised to install the latest virus definitions update:
Double-click on **Virus Definitions Y-M-D** (where Y-M-D is the date of the latest update).
Note: Mac OS 7.5.5 users will need to restart before applying the Virus Definitions update – copy the virus definitions update file to desktop, restart, then continue
8. Click on **Update** to update the virus definitions from file *Virus Definitions Y-M-D*
9. Click **OK** after the update has been applied, and **Quit** the application

You are advised to shut all windows and **Restart** your Macintosh after installation

Upgrading the Virus Definitions Database via the Internet

It is essential that you keep your copy of Virex up-to-date, in order that you are protected against any new viruses. The Virex application is configured for Virus Definition Updates (released on a monthly basis) to be downloaded via the Internet:

1. Online upgrades are applied from within the **Virex** application. This can be found within the **Virex** folder on your hard drive.
2. In the Virex window, select the **eUpdate** icon.
Please note: You must be an Admin user in Virex 7.2 for Mac OS X to apply an update.

Running the **Virex** application will tell you the latest **Virus Definition Update** installed. The Virus Definitions date appears on the bottom left-hand side corner of the window.

Obtaining a copy of Virex for Non-Networked Macintoshes and Personal Use

Under a site licence agreement, all staff and students at Cardiff University and the University of Wales College of Medicine may also install Virex on home computer systems. The software is available in CD format, from Resource Centres; Please check Voyager for availability. These can be lent out on production of a valid University I.D. card.

Please note that this licence extends only to staff and students at Cardiff University and UWCM, and you must **not** distribute this software to friends or colleagues outside these institutions.

Documentation for Virex

Information for the Mac version of Virex is accessible from the Help menu in Virex. Further documentation on viruses and virus scanning, including information relating to use of Virex, is available from the Cardiff University Information Services website:

www.cardiff.ac.uk/infos/guides/virus/index.html

Please note that due to licensing restrictions, certain documentation may only be accessible to staff and students of Cardiff University or University of Wales, College of Medicine.

- You can also contact the Advisory Service at Cardiff University on 029 2087 4218.
- UWCM users should contact their own Advisory at the Computing Unit, UWCM on 029 2074 3140.