Sophos Anti-Virus for OpenVMS

Sophos Anti-Virus for OpenVMS is virus detection and disinfection software for OpenVMS VAX and AXP systems running PATHWORKS. It checks files on local hard disks, floppy disks and networks for the presence of viruses. It operates in on-demand mode. Its unique architecture intelligently determines which files need to be virus checked, maximising user transparency and minimising performance overhead. Flexible configuration options mean that Sophos Anti-Virus can make the most efficient use of workstation and network resources.

How it works

Sophos Anti-Virus for OpenVMS provides on-demand virus checking of DOS files held on an OpenVMS system under PATHWORKS File Services, including those in FAT container files or Disk Services.
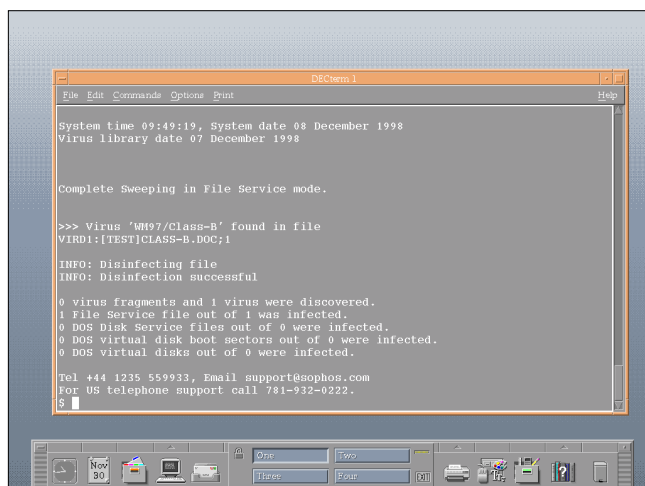
Infected files can be deleted.

Infected documents can be disinfected.

Viruses found on client workstations can be dealt with using the version of Sophos Anti-Virus specific to their operating system.

Features

- Is updated twelve times a year, and urgent interim updates can be downloaded from the Sophos website or requested to be sent by fax or email.

- Easily detects polymorphic viruses using Sophos's advanced Virus Description Language (VDL) and a built-in code emulator.

- Detects and disinfects Microsoft Office macro viruses.

- Scans inside encoded and archive files.

- Does not involve DOS in the sweeping process, so is not susceptible to the stealth techniques used by some viruses.

- Features an 'immediate mode' which allows checking on demand.

- Ensures total security by providing automatic centralised reporting of every virus incident.

- Offers OpenVMS managers centralised control over and notification of virus detection.

- Can be scheduled to sweep as a normal OpenVMS job, and configured to run continuously.

- Offers on-screen expert help as part of the CD on which the software is delivered.

- Provides as part of the OpenVMS site licence Sophos Anti-Virus for OpenVMS servers and all workstations which access them.

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Technical details

Product name	Sophos Anti-Virus for OpenVMS.
Function	Scanning file servers for known viruses and providing centralised reporting for individual workstations.
Mode of operation	Interactive, batch-driven or detached.
Updates	12 per year, sent by post at the beginning of each month, or available for download via www.sophos.com.
Virus alerts	Network managers can be automatically notified by a network message to specified users or machines, by VMS Mail or by InterCheck log messages. In addition, OPCOM can be alerted and a log file entry generated.
Specification of items to be checked	Individual files, wildcards and recursive searching of subdirectories. File and disk services are supported.
Specification of identities	Between monthly updates, interim virus identities (.IDEs) for new in-the-wild viruses can be downloaded from www.sophos.com and added into SWEEP at run-time; they can also be sent as faxed ASCII text.
System requirements	OpenVMS Alpha 1.0 or OpenVMS VAX 4.0.
Networks supported	Digital Pathworks.