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# Sophos releases free Mac anti-virus for home users

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Sophos has announced the availability of a free Mac anti-virus product, Sophos Anti-Virus Home Edition for Mac, providing protection against all known malware, including both Mac and Windows-specific threats, such as Trojan horses, viruses, worms and spyware.

Backed by SophosLabs, Sophos Anti-Virus Home Edition for Mac provides automatic on-access detection that runs in the background, which means Mac users don't need to run any manual scans to be protected against the millions of viruses, worms, spyware and Trojans in existence.

Furthermore, strong disinfection capabilities make it easy to clean-up an infection should malware already be in place.

Based on Sophos's flagship security software, the software has been released in response to growing concern about Mac malware.

A recent Sophos investigation into attitudes about Mac security surveyed 640 people, revealing that 95 percent expect Macs to be increasingly targeted by malware in the future. Although malware is more common on Windows than it is on Mac, Apple's growing market share makes Mac an increasingly attractive platform for malware authors and hackers to target.

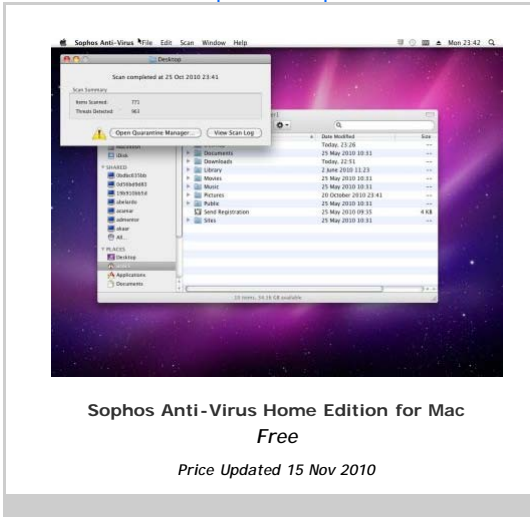
"While most businesses recognise the importance of protecting their Mac computers from malware threats, most home users do not," said Jim Dowling, Managing Director for Asia at Sophos.

"By offering free industrial-strength security to home users, we aim to protect Mac users against today's and tomorrow's Mac threats."

According to Sophos, past threats to Mac users have included:

- Websites that pose as legitimate-looking software vendors sites, but whose downloads are really Mac malicious code.
- Malware disguised as pirated software available for download from P2P file-sharing networks.
- Sexy online video links that urge you to install a plug-in to view the content, but really infect you with a Mac Trojan horse.
- Popular Twitter accounts, such as that belonging to former Apple evangelist Guy Kawasaki, who have tweeted out links to websites designed to infect Mac computers.
- Windows viruses, which come in via email, web or USB drive, either being passed on to Windows-using friends or colleagues, or infecting virtual installations of Windows installed on a Mac.

Sophos Anti-Virus Home Edition for Mac is available to [download](#) at no charge, with no time limit, and requiring no registration.



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Additionally, Sophos has also launched a dedicated [Mac support forum](#) to allow users to interact with others in their community and get any questions answered about the product or Mac security.



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