Sophos Protection for Windows

Included in our Endpoint Protection

Sophos Endpoint Protection for Windows gives you key benefits across thousands of Windows desktops, laptops and servers. Using a single endpoint client, you can detect viruses, spyware and adware, suspicious files, suspicious behavior and potentially unwanted applications (PUAs). Monitor the transfer of sensitive and confidential data. Gain control of web activity, removable storage devices and unauthorized VoIP, IM, P2P and gaming software. All-in-one agent and managed in one console, eliminating the need for separate standalone products.
Multi-threat protection in one product

Wide range of protection Get proper protection for your Windows servers, desktops, laptops and mobile devices. We guard against viruses, spyware and adware and suspicious files and behavior.

Integrated technologies The single client uses a combination of technologies to stop new and unseen threats. Our host intrusion prevention system (HIPS) analyzes code before and during execution. And Live Anti-Virus protection checks suspicious files against the extensive SophosLabs reputation database.

Application control We provide application control lists you can use to easily block installation and use of unwanted applications that can lead to data loss.

Blocks infected sites Live URL Filtering protects users from websites hosting malware when they are out of the office. Prevent access to any malicious sites by automatically checking against the SophosLabs database of millions of compromised websites.

Controls web activity Our Web Filtering in Endpoint delivers policy enforcement for inappropriate sites. You manage 14 site categories including gambling, tobacco and alcohol, and firearms. Keep users protected off your network and reduce your web gateway costs.

Monitors removable storage Flexible control of removable storage devices allows you to authorize specific devices. You can also enforce encryption of devices or enforce read-only access. It also controls the use of wireless connections such as modems.

 Stops data loss Monitors the transfer of your sensitive data and minimize the risk of accidental data loss. Our content monitoring feature for storage devices and applications uses a wide range of data definitions supplied and updated by SophosLabs.

Our single agent detects threats, monitors websites, the transfer of sensitive data, controls removable storage devices and applications.
Automated, simplified, central management from a single console

**At-a-glance dashboard** Our dashboard shows your security status and critical events. If your chosen security thresholds are threatened, automated email alerts are sent to you.

**Easy computer discovery** Synchronization with Microsoft Active Directory makes sure your deployment is fast. And new computers are automatically protected as they join your network.

**Single deployment** You have no additional deployment or management overhead. We’ve integrated our data, application and device control, and web security into a single deployment, agent and console. Policies allow configuration for groups of computers to reflect the security requirements for specific locations or departments.

**Role-based administration** Configurable role-based administration allows you to delegate specific management tasks. Grant access to trusted users without handing over full administration capabilities. Log and view all console activity to meet compliance regulations.

**Simultaneous implementation** Our single ActivePolicy incorporates both antivirus and HIPS. This allows for rapid creation and application of security settings across multiple computers and groups at the same time.

**Always up to date** Small, frequent protection updates are automatically downloaded and distributed across your network. Now our updates are 41% faster than our last major upgrade.

**Single-process disinfection** Endpoint computers can be completely disinfected in a single operation. We can remove registry entries, running processes and files on disk if needed.

**Automated reporting** Get security and management information through customizable, integrated graphical reports. Schedule the reports to run at specific times and emailed directly to your selected recipients.

Faster, better, proactive protection using innovative technologies

**Preventative virus protection** Genotype virus detection technology proactively blocks families of viruses even before specific virus signatures are available.

**Early detection** Our HIPS technology uses our antivirus engine to identify programs that will behave suspiciously before they execute.

**Zero-day identifiers** Our Behavioral Genotype Protection detects new threats before code begins to execute. By scanning for specific behaviors and characteristics, we can proactively protect you against zero-day malware.

**Monitors suspicious files** Combining our runtime behavior analysis and buffer overflow protection, our pre-execution suspicious file detection detects malware, suspicious files and behavior.

**Accurate detection** We constantly validate our behavioral rulesets against an extensive library of legitimate applications.

**Faster scanning** Improve your on-access scanning performance using Decision Caching technology. We intercept and scan only files that have changed since the system was last accessed. Our scanning is now 15% faster than our last major upgrade. See how AV-Comparatives rates our performance.

**Current updates and analysis** Rapid threat analysis from SophosLabs provides you with rapid threat analysis and updates. Your system can update as frequently as every 10 minutes.

Industry-leading expertise 24/7

Our 24/7 customer support operation and SophosLabs our global network of threat analysis centers, provide a rapid response to emerging and evolving threats.

Licensing

Sophos Protection for Windows is included in all of our Endpoint Protection licenses. However, some of the functionality may be disabled depending on the Sophos license you purchase. Compare.

Languages available

English, French, German, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese.
System requirements

Platforms supported

- Windows 8
- Windows 7 including XP mode
- Windows Vista*
- Windows Server 2012
- Windows Server 2008/R2 including Core*
- Windows XP Home/Pro SP1a*
- Windows Server 2003/R2**
- Windows 2000 Server/R2
- Windows 2000/Pro SP3
- Windows Netbooks
- Windows XPe SP1a
- Windows Embedded Standard
- WePOS SP2
- POS Ready
- vSphere
- VMware ESX/ESXi
- VMware Workstation
- VMware Server
- Hyper-V 2008
- Citrix XenServer

Disc space

- All Windows platforms: 512 MB

Recommended memory

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* Including AMD64
** Including Itanium